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Barry man chauffeurs the Welsh football team at a glorious homecoming event!



Geoff Cook from Barry with the Wales team manager Chris Coleman on arrival at the Cardiff City stadium.

A man from Barry played a key part in the Welsh football team's homecoming parade.

Geoff Cook, who lives in Brookfield Avenue, told The GEM: "I drove the Welsh team bus through Cardiff on their arrival back in Wales."

"I work as a part time driver for Cardiff City sightseeing having worked for 42 years as a driver and control inspector for Cardiff Bus and have to say that this was the highlight

of my transport career.

"I have never seen so many people on the streets of Cardiff. I thought that when I drove one of the Cardiff City promotion parade buses in 2013 that the streets were full, but this was something else."

"There were reports that 220,000 people were lining the streets. I have never driven so slowly, with my foot firmly on the brake! I reached a top speed of about 5 mph."

Vicky wins 'Italia Bombshell' title... AND WILL NOW CAMPAIGN FOR A CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

A Barry woman who recently won the 'Italia Bombshell' pageant title, is using the award as a means of publicising a cause close to her heart.

Vicky Lang (32), a mum-of-two with Italian ancestry through her father, landed the title at a glamorous event in Derby in April.

Later this year, she will take part in the Miss International Bombshell competition in Gibraltar. The Bombshell event doesn't have some of the restrictions placed on competitors in other pageants relating to age, motherhood, height, or dress size.

Vicky, who has survived three brain tumours, is now keen to publicise the work of the Maria Hanson Foundation whose mission is 'to make special memories for

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families with uncertain futures'.

Vicky said: "The foundation is celebrating its 10th anniversary and helps terminally ill children to go on holiday. It is also helping war veterans."

At the age of just 20 Vicky had to contend with two huge challenges: being the wife of a soldier sent to Iraq and suffering serious health problems (later diagnosed as brain tumours).

"My husband was in the army and when he served in Iraq I went to live in Germany. I was taken poorly with ear infections. The doctors thought I was suffering from depression."

"Then the tumour ruptured and I lost the use of my legs and couldn't speak. I was in hospital for nine

months."

Fortunately, Vicky received excellent care in the hospital in Germany, but that wasn't the end of her trials. She went on to suffer meningitis, too - the infection had moved from her ear, to the brain and on to the spine.

While she was in Germany, there was little support for wives whose husbands had been sent to war. The family even had to fork out to help her husband with his kit.

Vicky was pleased last week that the Chilcot Report shed light on the failings of people who led Britain to war.

"The soldiers didn't have the armour they needed and this was all known beforehand."

In the end, the strain of war and service life led to the breakdown of her marriage.

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'Hit and run' is a serious offence

I FULLY sympathise with the unfortunate gentleman in last week's report of an incident on Skomer Road, Barry, in last week's GEM.

I do hope that he makes a full recovery and that the perpetrator is brought to justice. I myself have fairly recently had the misfortune of being a victim of this crime.

Failing to stop or failing to report an accident within 24 hours can incur a six-month term of imprisonment, a fine of up to £5,000, a discretionary ban, also between five to ten penalty points on their licence which will last for four years.

Their insurance company, if they have any, will also not be impressed.

Even in a minor collision, if damage has

occurred, the driver is obliged to seek the offended person and if unable to, report the incident to the police as soon as practically possible within a time limit of 24 hours.

Most drivers are unaware of how serious this crime is, apart from the obvious personal injury factor. Other incidents can be very minor.

With the cost of vehicle repairs these days, and a victim being unable to make a claim against the perpetrator of a scrape, also with most vehicle owners having to pay an excess on any claim, they can be out of pocket by a considerable amount.

The person who collided with my parked car probably thinks they have got away with it. They are disillusioned, I now have all the evidence I need.

Gareth Thomas.

Maelstrom of hideous litter

THE Vale of Glamorgan Council is assiduous when it comes to local 'Don't Do!' signs in the Barry area: Do NOT feed the birds; Do NOT park on the Knap promenade overnight; Do NOT drop litter; Do NOT... almost everything!

However, when it comes to patrolling, it is seriously deficient. Most mornings, especially on the weekend, the Cold Knap promenade presents a maelstrom of hideous litter: discarded fast food cartons, cigarette butts, used condoms, and dog excrement.

To be fair, council cleaners-up do their best. Dozens of youngsters are to be found of an evening indulging in dope. They are also on the skate-boarding deck adjacent to the Knap lake.

Last year, I asked the incumbents of a patrolling police car (it was midday, when only the elderly were eating their sandwiches in their cars!) what they were doing.

I appraised them of a traffic problem in another part of town. They told me they did not know Barry. They had no idea of the geography of this town.

Is it too much to ask that the local council liaises with the forces of law and order?

Why should the well-behaved, respectable inhabitants of Wales's largest town, be subjected to this horror? It behoves the likes of Jane Hutt AM and Alun Cairns, the local MP, and now, bizarrely, Secretary of State for Wales, to tackle this pernicious state of affairs on their doorsteps.

Rather than grandstanding and photo-opportunities, they should apply themselves to 'action'.

A Williams, Barry.

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EU: THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN, NOW...

'Let's knuckle down and get on with it!'

AT the last general election, people voted the Conservatives in and David Cameron was to continue to be our Prime Minister.

It was in their party's manifesto to hold a Referendum for the people of our country to cast their democratic vote on whether to stay or leave the EU.

He did what he said he would do, and what the country wanted him to do, and now it's done and there's a clear Brexit vote, the country now has to work through the difficulties that were predicted prior to this outcome.

Personal losses will be felt, but the rich will survive - this will always be the case - and the poor and working classes will always be the

'Westminster is to blame'

IN last week's letters page, B Hall asked the young people of Wales to consider the economies of Greece and Spain when reflecting on the benefits of EU membership.

It's revealing, however, that he fails to mention the many success stories of northern Europe - such as Denmark, Sweden, Germany, Ireland, Finland, the Netherlands and Belgium: countries and economies that are far more similar to our own.

This is a typical Brexit tactic - using partial information, and blaming all of our ills, house prices, low and unequal wages, zero-hour contracts - on the EU. But surely, after a little consideration, the real culprit is actually the Westminster system.

As we know, Wales was the first industrialised country in the world. For many decades, we were one of the biggest exporters around the globe.

But Wales did not get wealthy. Being part of the over-centralised UK system meant the money flowed to London and

the south east of England.

Then came the pit closures. Did Westminster come to our aid? No. Very little was put in place to assist the mining communities, and the resultant poverty persists to this day.

Successive Labour and Tory Governments have also steadfastly refused to scrap the unjust Barnett formula, a system that systematically underfunds Wales while overfunding the less compliant Scots.

Despite being just two hours from one of the richest cities in the world, the Westminster system has historically allowed Wales to languish as one of the poorest parts of Europe.

Perhaps we need to think a little differently and follow the lead of the many smaller EU member states that have strong stable economies and more equitable wealth distribution.

We should move away from the unjust and outdated Westminster politics and aim for Wales to become an outward looking, modern, individual member state of the EU.

Claire Evans, Porthcawl.

victims.

The Brexit vote has divided the country, but a remain vote would equally have done so.

If we weren't given the Referendum as promised, that would be criminal. So with democracy comes divided opinions - that's what it's all about - our freedom to vote as we see fit.

The people have spoken, fair and square, whatever your view - to be in or out - Brexit was the people's choice.

In the words of Andrew R T Davies AM when he spoke about the centenary of World War 1: "We remember all those who have fallen, our courageous heroes who served our country, defended our freedoms and risked their lives to protect us and keep us safe."

So let us not forget!

To those who blame the older generation for ruining the country through the Brexit vote, that is outrageous. If it wasn't for them, we probably wouldn't have a democracy now.

So let's do what our heroes did - knuckle down and get on with it!

T Abery, Barry.

'EU: we won't be conned again'

SINCE the Referendum result, there have been many odd public statements and one in particular that I find most insulting is that the elderly have let down the country and our children.

This is utter ignorance. Forty years ago, the 'silver-haired' put their trust in politicians and voted for what we all thought was a better future for ourselves, our children, trade and employment etc.

How wrong we were! But we who have now become the 'silver hairs' have no intention of being conned a second time. In 40 years, we have suffered laws from the EU that mean foreign criminals, many of whom were criminals when they arrived, had more rights than their victims.

Business and employment laws and rules by the thousand have cost money, and restrictive employment made our goods more costly to produce and reduced our exports.

We complied, but did the EU?

We were told many times during the Referendum that the EU would reduce the possibility of wars, yet we have had Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Somalia, Syria and other smaller skirmishes, plus a massive increase in IS and other terrorist groups. How much did the EU help in curbing these? Little or none!

Israel has shown how a small independent country can survive with a sound economy, good security and defence.

We can do this and trade with the EU and around the world, if we show the pride, courage and hard work that we have shown in the past. Barry Hoey, Bridgend.

'A tangled web of uncertainty'

AS the result of the Referendum sinks in, it was good to see Cardiff and the Vale had voted to stay in.

I was surprised to hear that Caerphilly had voted to come out, as they have had millions from Europe for regeneration and industry projects in the last five years.

The second announcement from the Governor of the Bank of England highlights further risks because of a lack of investment in the commercial sector from overseas companies.

The political skulduggery will continue until a solution is found. The European communities Act of 1972 will need to be repealed before implementing article 50, which will, according to lawyers, have to be agreed by Parliament and - then experienced trade negotiators, approximately 100, will need to be employed.

I worked within the European trade framework in the UK, and it will be a tangled web of uncertainty. Royston Chappell, Llantwit Major.

Illegal arrivals

I WOULD like to point out a glaring discrepancy in the assertion made by your correspondent D Harris in his letter last week - who seems to blame the EU for pressures put on our services by "vast numbers of people illegally arriving here."

It seems he has not realised that people arriving illegally, in any numbers, will continue to arrive, or not arrive, regardless of Britain's membership of the EU - precisely because they are illegal arrivals!

Ooops! Marc Delaney, Barry.

Racist abuse in Cowbridge

FOR the first time since I moved to the area 25 years ago, I feel thoroughly embarrassed and ashamed at the behaviour of a Cowbridge resident.

On Tuesday, July 5 at approximately 7.15pm, my partner was racially abused by an older 'gentleman' in Filco car

park. I am not going to repeat what my partner had to hear, but he arrived home feeling, understandably, very upset.

I had heard news reports that following the Brexit Referendum, racists felt they had a mandate and incidents were rising. It is with a heavy heart that I have now found this to be true! So disappointing! Angie May Hardy, Aberthyn.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 21)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
14 Thur	02.09	7.6	14.55	7.5
15 Fri	03.23	7.6	15.53	7.7
16 Sat	04.28	7.8	16.51	8.1
17 Sun	05.21	8.4	17.48	8.6
18 Mon	06.06	8.8	18.29	9.0
19 Tues	06.51	9.2	19.12	9.4
20 Wed	07.29	9.5	19.51	9.7
21 Thur	08.12	9.7	20.29	9.9

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VALE LEADER'S ANGER AS COUNCILLOR CALLS FOR INVESTIGATION INTO THE AUTHORITY'S PLANNING DEPARTMENT

INDEPENDENT Sully councillor Kevin Mahoney has called for an investigation into the decision making of the Vale planning department over the traveller site in the village.

It is in the wake of its recommendation to send travellers occupying the unauthorised site on Hayes Road a letter guaranteeing them that "No planning enforcement action will be pursued against their residential use of the site within the subsequent five year period from the date of the letter".

The Vale Council said this week that it could not move the travellers on without an alternative site being provided – and emphasised that task was under way. The site has been occupied since 2012.

Coun Mahoney told The GEM the pledge to people at the site had come in the wake of criticism of the Vale's planning department by a Welsh Assembly planning inspector for its proposal to turn the site and adjacent paddock into a permanent traveller camp.

He said the planning inspector, Mr Richard Jenkins, had instructed the Vale to immediately delete the proposal from its submitted draft LDP due to safety fears over residential use in a flood zone.

Coun Mahoney said: "It is clear that the Vale planning department, aided and abetted by the Labour administration and supported by Conservative councillors on the planning committee, have neatly sidestepped the Welsh Assembly planning inspector's recommendations with regard to the safety of occupation of the site by approving this letter.

"To be frank, I feel that having wasted well over four years in promoting the ludicrously flawed proposal to include the Hayes Road site in the draft local development plan despite constant

warnings about its unsuitability from myself, my fellow councillor Bob Penrose and Welsh Assembly representatives, to issue a letter of this nature is nothing more than sidestepping an experienced planning inspector's recommendations, and kicking the can down the road for another couple of years in order to cover for the failure to adequately plan for the site as required.

He added: "Let's not forget that this is the same planning department that ludicrously endorsed and presented to a recent planning committee the Taylor Wimpey highways assessment on the Sully Cog Road development that maintained 500 new houses would generate just 13 extra cars on the road at peak rush hour, an assertion that would be too laughable if it wasn't so serious in its implications.

"I have had serious concerns for quite some time as to the performance of the Vale planning department in regards to major projects and feel that it is now time for an external investigation into the decision making and oversight of decisions within the department."

'PROVISION'

A spokesman for the Vale Council said it was not correct to say the inspector called for the site to be removed over 'safety fears'.

"Welsh Government affords gypsies and travellers special planning policy considerations as they are considered to be a vulnerable minority group. Accordingly, the council is required by law to make provision for their needs.

"In preparing the new Local Development Plan, the council had sought to allocate the Hayes Road site as its formal managed gypsy and traveller site. While aware of issues surrounding the access to the site and the potential risk of flooding, we were encouraged by both Welsh Government officials and its statutory advisors, Natural Resources Wales, to

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Coun Kevin Mahoney.

demonstrate that these issues could be mitigated.

"Accordingly a flood consequence assessment was commissioned. This satisfied the concerns of NRW but not those of the Welsh Government officials and the Inspector.

"However, it is not correct to say that he called for the site to be removed over 'safety fears'. Rather it was a matter of planning policy that he believed was not being interpreted correctly.

"As the site at Hayes Road is owned by the council it is not possible to simply move the travellers on as there is, at present, no alternative site on which to accommodate them.

"In light of the inspector's decision we are working to find an alternative site that also accommodates the needs of the Hayes Road community.

"While this work is ongoing we have proposed a short term toleration of the

continued occupation of the Hayes Road site.

"This approach was considered in detail by the council's cabinet in June and subsequently fully scrutinised and debated by the 'environment and regeneration' and 'housing and safe communities' scrutiny committees where planning officers were available to respond to all questions put to them."

'POLITICAL FOOTBALL'

Coun Neil Moore, Leader of the Vale Council, said Coun Mahoney's attack was disappointing.

"It is concerning, but perhaps, not surprising that Coun Mahoney should launch such a tirade through the press. It is also a travesty that he should turn critical issues relating to the housing and well-being of a group of people into a political football.

"It is also disappointing as Coun Mahoney had an opportunity to participate at two scrutiny committees to have his say. He did so at the meeting of the environment and regeneration scrutiny.

"At that meeting, officers representing the planning team acted professionally, were very thorough in their responses, and were able to provide clarification and answers to every question raised.

"It is also relevant to confirm that the members of the committee agreed with the

recommendations being proposed and did not agree with the sentiments expressed by Coun Mahoney. In fact, members praised the officers for the work they had carried out and commended them on their professionalism under such a verbal attack by the councillor."

Coun Moore said: "Perhaps that is why Coun Mahoney did not participate in the subsequent meeting of the housing and safe communities scrutiny meeting, which I find extremely strange, given his latest protestations. It would have been far more appropriate for him to articulate his concerns in a professional manner when the matter was debated for a second time and where the committee again agreed unanimously with the recommendations. Clearly on that occasion he preferred to watch from the public gallery and not take an active role, rather than try to make his points through the pages of local newspapers."

Coun Moore stressed he had full confidence in his officers, that the planning department had an excellent record as one of the best planning authorities in Wales and he had no intention of carrying out an investigation into their performance. He added that if Coun Mahoney wanted to make a complaint through the proper channels, he could do so, but that he should not "besmirch officers through the press".

Barry's buzzing for Gary's new song!

GARY from Barry has had close to 2,000 listens of his track 'Gary from Barry' - which namechecks The GEM!

He says: "There has been a huge amount of buzz on Facebook from fellow Barrians - I'm very thankful for their shares and likes."

A new song will debut on his Soundcloud and Facebook pages tomorrow (Friday, July 15).

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Kristo Ellis receiving the Mike Jones Athletics Cup from Mike Jones.



Edward Rees receives the Anne Williams Shield for music from Lee Selby.



James Hamer receiving the DU Harris prize for biology from Lee Selby.

BARRY Comprehensive School's presentation evening at the Memorial Hall, was a resounding celebration of success with more than 160 students nominated for awards.

These awards were for academic and personal success across the curriculum.

Lyn Howell, recently retired and a local resident, returned to compare and was joined by this year's guest speaker, boxer Lee Selby. Mr Selby, a past pupil of the school, is an outstanding youth role model and the current IBF world featherweight champion. His successes, derived from his skill, serve as a rich stimulus for our pupils.



The year-8 rugby team receiving the Army Shield from Lee Selby.

Barry library's £100,000 upgrade to learning hub

CONSTRUCTION work is now underway on a £100,000 investment into Barry library that will see a state-of-the-art adult learning centre established and the building transformed, into a learning hub for the Vale of Glamorgan.

Once improvements to the building are completed the library will have gained three classrooms, a computer suite, office space and a crèche. It will then become the new home of the Vale of Glamorgan Open Learning Centre, currently based at Provincial House.

Coun Lis Burnett, cabinet member for regeneration and education, said: "Education and lifelong learning will be central to the next chapter of the Vale Council's regeneration work, and where better to locate a learning hub than the library, the first port of call for anyone seeking

information.

"This latest investment into Barry library will provide the whole Vale with a first class facility, purpose built to help residents of all ages to gain skills and knowledge and broaden their horizons."

All of the library's most popular services will be maintained and library users will now be able to access a wide range of adult education courses – covering everything from drop-in computer workshops, employability skills, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) to English and maths courses for those who want to improve their skills for life and work – all at the same location.

The start of improvement works being undertaken will require Barry library to close for two weeks between July 18 and August 1.

During this period library users will still be able to return borrowed items to the Art Central entrance of the Town

Hall. Library users will also be able to return their books or access the full range of library services at all other Vale libraries.

A limited number of computers will also be available to library users at both the Open Learning Centre, Kendrick Road and Palmerston Learning Centre, Cadoc Crescent.

All of the planned improvements are due to be completed by November 2016 and all new facilities to be up and running in time to mark the ten year anniversary of the renovation work that previously brought the town hall building back to life.

For more information on library services in the Vale and how they will be affected by these improvements visit www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/libraries.



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Vicky lands a Bombshell title!



Vicky (on left) won her 'Bombshell' title at a glamorous event in Derby.

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Vicky is keen to use her year as 'Miss Italian Bombshell' to publicise the Maria Hanson Foundation.

"It is great that it is helping former servicemen who have suffered from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)."

Despite her trials and tribulations, Vicky remains optimistic and still looks to the future.

"I live every day as it comes. With young children, you have to carry on."

More information on the cause Vicky is supporting during her year in office, can be found at: www.mariahansonfoundation.org.uk.



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Welsh flags flew proudly on night Wales played in Euro semi-final

BARRY LOYAL FANS' UPBEAT FORECAST!



'TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT! Wales 2 Portugal 1. Proud to be Welsh.'

LAST week the nation was united in hope as Wales clashed with Portugal in the Euro 2016 semi-final.

Welsh flags flew from cars, windows and in gardens.

In Barry, Brian and Christine Harris, who live on Port Road, caused a stir with their display of flags on the day of the match and a notice predicting a narrow Wales' win 2 - 1.

Motorists were sounding their horns in appreciation as the drove past.

Brian and Christine have been big Wales and Cardiff City fans since 1949.

Brian said: "We've followed Wales and Cardiff to places like

Sweden, Italy and Finland."

The couple were unable to go to Euro 2016 because Brian is suffering from gout, but their sons Karl and Nigel, grandsons Christian, Luke and Nathan, grand-daughter Emma and her husband Andy all made some of the matches including the never-to-be-forgotten semi-final.

Brian was confident Wales could do it, but did sound a note of caution that "Ronaldo might wake up" which proved prescient.

Christine said that even if Wales did lose it the team had done the nation proud.

All the family were able to go to Cardiff City stadium last Friday to enjoy the homecoming parade.

Meet the bobbies

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BIRTH OF REUBEN SPARKS 'FIVE GENERATIONS' PHOTO!



AS family portraits go, five generations in one snap is a rarity.

The Quinn family, hailing from Barry - and areas north, south, east and west - has a combined age of 233 years - and one month. The recent birth of young Reuben meant capturing this family moment for posterity was an absolute must.

The portrait shows (from left) Betsy (96), her son Patrick (69), his daughter Rachel (44), her daughter Lauren (24) and one month old son, Reuben.

Patrick is a resident of Barry Island. Betsy lives in a flat with care facilities in Llanishen Cardiff. Rachel is not far away at Talbot Green and Rachel lives

in Llanharan. Patrick explained: "Reuben is my mother's great, great grandson. She has enjoyed holidays abroad, including travelling to Australia at the age of 85 to visit my brother, until her later years."

Now Betsy is looking forward to rather shorter, local trips to keep an eye on Reuben's progress.

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Ballet girls join the professionals

YOUNG ballet dancers from the Barry area have been selected to join the English Youth Ballet in a professional production in Cardiff next month.

The girls were selected after an extensive audition process and will perform in *The Sleeping Beauty* at the New Theatre.

The girls are: Charlotte Attwell (13), from Bryn Hafren Comprehensive (WSD); Louise Bagnall (11) from Gladstone Primary (NPSB); Chloe Bagnall (17) from Bryn Hafren (NPSB); Ellie Clark (nine) from Palmerstone Primary (NPSB); Leah-Jade Davies (12) (NPSB); Mollie Foley (11) from Rhws Primary (VSD); Kate Parry (11) from Cowbridge Comprehensive (WSD); Bridget Peake (13) from Ysgol Bro Morgannwg (NPSB); Freya Pritchard (11) from Barry Island Primary (MVMSM).

WSD - Wendy Summerell School of Dance.

NPSB - Nicola Peros School of Ballet.

VSD - Vale School of Dance



Back line: Freya Pritchard, Charlotte Attwell, Chloe Bagnall, Kate Parry.

Front line: Bridget Peake, Louise Bagnall, Ellie Clark, Mollie Foley

MVMSM - Moya Vahey Russian Ballet School & Mandy and Shirley Morris Dance School.

The Sleeping Beauty will be presented by English Youth Ballet at the New Theatre, Cardiff from August 12-13.

The ballet will star international principal dancers - Amy Drew, Adele Robbins, Monica Tapiador, Richard Read,

Brenden Bratolic, Oliver Speers and Steven Wheeler.

All the soloist and corps de ballet roles in the production will be performed by 100 dancers (aged 8 - 18) from south Wales.

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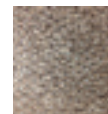
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Nightingale Gardens capture interest from near and far

THE glorious weather drew the crowds to the annual open gardens weekend organised by the National Gardens Scheme (NGS).

Eight gardens – ranging from the Huntsman restaurant near The Star to private

gardens and St Peter's Church – included ponds of all sizes, planting in shade and sun, boggy areas, mature shrubs and trees and vegetables.

The NGS raised £2.6 million last year for charities and in Dinas Powys a generous amount was donated to Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern.

A welcome new

addition was the community gardens at Nightingale Gardens. This once-derelict concrete-covered wasteland is now thriving producing a huge volume of fruit and vegetables.

Keith Hatton, project manager, said: "This is the fourth year of operation of the Nightingale Gardens and we are delighted to

be invited to be a part of the NGS weekend. We also support the Bethesda Foodbank supplying surplus produce."

Mr Hatton said that the project comprises some 27 gardens, but works as a community.

Mostly, visitors are coming from Swansea, Cardiff, Abergavenny and even from over the bridge in Devon. They were impressed and amazed by the work of the project's members.

"More than 200 people visited Nightingale Gardens and we did a great trade in plants, and refreshments," he said.

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SOMBRE REMINDER OF WARTIME HORRORS

IT seems appropriate that this year, which marks 100 years since the battle of the Somme, that Barry U3A chose as their summer outing a visit to the National Arboretum in Staffordshire.

The overcast sky seemed to add to the sombre but tranquil atmosphere of the beautiful park, which has memorials commemorating so many military and civilian organisations.

Despite an early start the group arrived too late for the 11am sounding

of the Last Post, but just to take the train or buggy ride round the site and hear the stories of some of those who are commemorated was a moving and interesting experience.

Particularly moving was the museum showing the horrors suffered by the prisoners of the Japanese during World War Two and we marvelled at the work done by the doctors who in the squalor and deprivation of the prison camps, carried out surgery and even blood transfusions, using home made inventions.

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Force and fire to hit Barry

BARRY ISLAND will host a series of 'weekender' events throughout the summer.

The first of six Sunday 'weekenders' starts on the weekend of Saturday, July 23 and Sunday, July 24, with the 'Isle of Fire' transforming Barry Island into a fiery landscape. There will be 'fire performance areas', music and a magical flaming cauldron.

The weekenders continue on July 30 and July 31, with the Street Music Weekender. From 12pm on both days, there will be live music encompassing nearly all genres.

In August, the Island will play host to four more weekend events including 'Cinema by the Sea' featuring 'Star Wars', 'The Force Awakens' and 'Dirty Dancing'.

For more information, visit www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/whatson.

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Soroptimists help prepare the next generation

FOR the past six years, members of St Barry and District have conducted mock interviews for sixth form students from Bryn Hafren School, giving them advice on interviewing techniques.

The aim has been to prepare them for their university, college and job interviews and by so doing enhance their chances of success in gaining access to higher education institutions and

employment. The Soroptimists, with their extensive range of career experience, have been able to offer constructive advice to assist pupils by helping them develop their interview skills and boosting their confidence, in what can be a daunting experience for many young people.

The feedback from the pupils has been excellent. There were many positive comments such as the ones from Vicky Binding who said: "I felt nervous, but the people were reassuring and very

informative."

Samantha Lewis said: "They were really helpful and gave good feedback."

It was an equally rewarding experience for the Soroptimists who took part. President Pat Salt said: "It was a pleasure to meet year-12 students and hear about their achievements and aspirations."

She hoped that the students "felt the experience to be of value and that we, as a club, felt privileged to provide this service."

C DRURY



President Pat Salt with some of the students who took part in the mock interviews.

Ramblers take two strolls to Sully Island and Dinas Powys

THE Penarth and District Ramblers recently paid a visit to Sully Island on what turned out, weather-wise, to be better than expected.

Fourteen walkers and Ramakin the dog met Joy at Penarth cliff-top car park before heading along pavements and the disused railway line and then downhill into Cosmeston Country Park.

Once medieval farmland, in more modern times it became an active commercial limestone quarry serving the nearby cement works where the Schooner is now situated and the area was constantly pumped dry because of underground springs.

However, after the quarries closed and during the construction of the park the quarries were allowed to fill naturally forming lakes. Crossing the Sully Brook and fields some road-

walking along Swanbridge Road led down to the Captain's Wife.

The rocky seaweed covered causeway led the group to Sully Island with its stunning views west towards Barry Island and east out over the Bristol Channel towards Flat and Steep Holm and Weston-Super-Mare. Later, a descent into St Mary's Well Bay, then across Lavernock beach to Lavernock Point. Joining the Wales Coastal Path with its grand views up towards Penarth Esplanade and Cardiff Bay led them back to the start.

Glorious views SUE J and dog Jodie played host to 14 walkers and dog Lexie on an evening tramp in the Dinas Powys area.

Starting from the Twyn in dry weather, they headed up Highwalls Road, to cross the lower part of Dinas Powys Golf Club, where interestingly during both World Wars the fairways were

converted into potato fields.

Heading up through wooded pathways in the delightful Cwm George and emerging beside open fields they were rewarded with glorious views towards Llandough, Michaelston-le-Pit, and the large hump of The Garth filling the horizon.

Continuing up through the Salmon Leaps below Cwrt-yr-ala House, somewhat hidden from view by tall thick vegetation, uneven pathways through woodland led up beside the Wrinstone Brook and out onto the road at Wrinstone Farm.

A rough bridle path led through to Michaelston and returning back to the stone footbridge across the Cadoston River, then continuing through a series of kissing gates, a narrow path led back to the golf course for the short journey back to the start.

On July 16, meet at 8.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an 11-mile hard walk at Talgarth taking in Pwll y Wrach Nature Reserve and Y Grib; contact Barrie on 029 2053 0753.

On July 17, meet at 9am at Cogan for a 12-mile hard walk from Llangynidr to Tor y Foel and the Chartist Cave; contact Robin on 029 2051 4051.

On July 19, meet at 7pm at Cogan for a 10-mile mod/hard night walk in the Black Mountains (a torch and spare batteries are essential); contact William on 07528 701 952.

To follow the group log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from

Awesome Authors

THE BBC's 'Awesome Authors' weekend will be at Barry library next Saturday and Sunday (July 16-17).

The Library will link up via the internet with four other libraries around the UK when budding young authors can place questions to Jacqueline Wilson, Doc Wilson and Frank Cottrell Boyce.

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Brave Summer inspires mum's 10k charity run



Summer Kansiray from Ogmere Vale.

Roadworks in the Vale

Temporary traffic – control to allow for highway maintenance works:

Smithies Avenue, Sully; Old Port Road/Port Road/Brooklands Terrace, Culverhouse Cross; Penlan Road, Llandough from junction with Merrie Harrier; Windsor Road, Penarth, near railway station; Dobbins Road, Barry, Redlands Road/Hastings Avenue, Penarth; St Lythans Road, St Lythans (near Ravenswood).

Temporary road closure – Solent Road, Barry – to allow for the implementation of a flood management scheme, local diversions in place; pedestrian access will be maintained.

AT the age of 14 months, Summer Kansiray from Ogmere Vale was diagnosed with a Wilms' tumour, a rare form of kidney cancer, in her left kidney.

She endured six months of treatment at Cardiff's University Hospital of Wales, before having the organ removed in a bid to eliminate the cancer. Unfortunately, Summer then relapsed and the cancer returned in her right kidney six weeks later, which also had to be taken out.

Summer then spent over two and a half years on a dialysis machine at home, which carried out the function the kidneys would have played. She received treatment for up to 14 hours every night, and was only allowed to drink 240ml of water every 24 hours.

In 2012, at the age of four years old, Summer and her mother Joanne received the news they had been waiting for – there was an organ available for Summer and she received a kidney transplant.

Shortly after the kidney transplant operation, doctors noticed that Summer's body was fighting to reject the foreign kidney and advised that the four-year-old began taking immunosuppressive medication, to help prevent her body from rejecting the new kidney any further.

After months of treatment in hospital, Summer was finally discharged and was sent home to recover with her family.

However, in August 2015 Summer's transplanted organ unexpectedly failed, and now at the age of eight, Summer is back on dialysis once again. She is currently receiving peritoneal dialysis treatment which her mother, Joanne carries out for her at home each evening for 11 hours, seven nights a week.

Summer is now waiting patiently to go back onto the waiting list and the search for a donor continues.

Joanne said: "When we realised that

Summer's transplanted kidney was failing, we were devastated. Summer is so young and has been through so much already, but seeing her deal with this latest blow, I really couldn't be more proud of her.

"She is a fighter and the fact that she is taking part once again in this year's Cardiff 2K family run, although often coming in last place, proves just how strong and committed she is!

"The Kidney Wales Foundation have been there for us every step of the way, providing a huge amount of emotional support. The best thing we can do to show our gratitude is to raise awareness and show our wholehearted support by participating in the 2K and 10K events and raising funds for the charity that will remain a huge part of all our lives."

Last year's Cardiff 10K saw a record number of 5,000 runners take to the streets of Cardiff and raise a record sum for race organisers Kidney Wales.

Roy Thomas, Chief Executive of Kidney Wales, said: "At Kidney Wales we have stood by the Kansiray family from day one and so hearing the news that Summer's body had rejected the new kidney was utterly heart-breaking.

"Unfortunately, many families across Wales are going through situations very similar to Summer, and at Kidney Wales we rely on the outstanding fundraisers who take on the Cardiff 10K each year to help support these families through their hardships.

"I want to thank everyone who is raising money and taking part this year, he added."

Registration for the 2016 Cardiff 2K and 10K events on September 11 is now open and people of all ages and abilities are encouraged to get involved with the iconic city centre road race.

To find out more about the event, to sign up or to help raise money and awareness for Kidney Wales, visit the Cardiff 10K website: www.cardiff10k.cymru or call (029) 2034 3951.

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'Focus on Rhoose' group aims to challenge the Vale Council on planning



The 'Focus on Rhoose' group held a protest on Saturday.
IMAGE by MICHAELA ISMAIL

A group of residents have formed a new group 'Focus on Rhoose' to represent the interests of the local community.

Spokesman Richard Barnes explained: "The residents of Rhoose are forming the group to challenge the Vale Council on their development and improvement decisions in order to serve the best interests of the village."

"The council had 690 houses in the LDP but

passed amended plans for the site against the wishes of the residents and many of the planning committee – a 10-10 vote carried in favour by the Chair.

"Our first act was to demonstrate at the new site on Saturday, July 9, to notify the Vale Council that Rhoose will no longer tolerate poor decisions that will impact the residents."

"The council has a poor track record in Rhoose that must not be repeated."

CHURCHES COUNCIL ON ANNUAL ISLAND RETREAT



The Penarth Cytûn on their annual retreat.

The Penarth Cytûn (Council of Churches) annual retreat to Ynys Bŷr (Caldey Island) was voted an outstanding success.

A spokesperson reports:

The island is about five miles from Tenby in Pembrokeshire, and the west Wales retreat began with a boat trip across the channel, which was surprisingly smooth, despite the brisk wind.

The 18 people from Penarth and district, who all enjoyed the boat trip, included members from eight Christian churches and one follower of Buddha.

We were creatively led in our daily studies during all four days of the visit by the Rev Kevin Davies from Capel Bethel, who highlighted the significance of the five senses and our experiences in relation to them in our daily lives.

We were fortunate with the weather in this rather disappointing summer with sufficient sunshine to enable swimming to be one of the options offered while others explored the delights of this beautiful island. We all went at

least once a day to the Abbey church attached to the main monastery building, where Abbot Daniel and the other monks lived, for Compline.

Our guest master was Brother Titus, who again gave a delightful talk, which included many of the poems, he had written in the past year.

We were all given

copies of the poems plus an appropriate photograph from his collection.

The highlight of the visit was our communion service in St Illtyd's church on the last day of our visit.

In the evening, we were once more entertained and informed by the Rev Kevin Davies and thanks

was made to him for his leadership and also to Mrs Heather Ralis, who had once more organised a successful annual retreat.

It is intended that a further visit will be made next year and anyone interested should look out for details when they become available.



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Much has been said about how the Welsh team not only performed brilliantly, but were wonderful with the fans and their hosts as great sportsmen and champions for Wales. The Welsh fans were also welcomed with open arms because of their spirit, as well as their courtesy to the people they met across France at every match, with family supporters and all age groups represented.

That's why they also got such a wonderful homecoming when they touched down at Cardiff Airport on Friday afternoon and put Wales on the global media map once again with the tens of thousands who lined the roads and streets from Rhosce to Cardiff.

We must cherish that

spirit and learn from it with all of us seeing Gareth Bale, a former Whitchurch High School pupil, as our Welsh champion and role model.

I know that those of us who have been elected to serve our communities must also show that spirit of commitment and integrity as we seek to serve the common good.

I am working to achieve this in my new role as Leader of the House, but also as the Vale Assembly Member supporting people and communities across the Vale with very different needs and interests and wanting to be sure that they can trust their elected representatives to speak up and stand up for them.

I sought to do this at the recent Mind in the Vale AGM, where I welcomed the work of Mind, including their pilot project in our GP surgeries in Barry working with people to address such issues as depression and anxiety which affect so many people in our community.

I also met members of the Muslim Welfare Association at the Barry Mosque with Coun Pam

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by Jane Hutt AM
(Leader of the House)

Drake. I invited Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner, Kate Carr, local hate crime police officer Rhys Gronow and executives from Race Equality First to encourage members to report hate crime, which must not be tolerated in any form.

I was reminded how thoughtful our children are as I looked at the Race Equality First calendar in our office, which features the drawings and words of school pupils from the Vale. The July winner is Olwen Stamper aged nine at Ysgol Pen y Garth with a picture of children linking arms across the world saying...

"We are 1 BIG Team Cwch against Racism" As we continue to do our work to "make the world a better place" (as the late Jo Cox MP said), we must work hard to meet needs and develop policy and laws in Wales which do make a difference.

So thank you to Llamau, Wales' leading

charity for homeless young people, which has a base in Barry, for helping us in Welsh Government to meet the needs of young people.

As a result of a campaign supported by Michael Sheen, the Welsh Government responded to a petition on the needs of vulnerable young people, signed by more than 100,000 people, by producing stronger guidance resulting in the Chief Executive Frances Beecher saying last weekend: "Now the guidance in Wales is the strongest in the UK."

Finally, I want to thank Oakfield Primary for inviting me to visit their school and see the new pond which they share with Ysgol Gwaun y Nant, as a result of a Welsh Government community benefit project following the improvement of 234 homes on the Gibbonsdown estate.

Local contractors SMK, who are carrying out this improvement work, provided the labour free of charge as part of the Being Greener project, with over £10,000 spent on this wonderful new facility where Coun Lis Burnett and I joined the pupils in 'pond dipping'.

It was a great way to see how we are getting the most benefit out of every £ of Welsh public money we spend to benefit our children and young people and our environment.

Couple attend Mametz Wood Remembrance

Vale couple Graham and Jean Underdown attended a service of remembrance at the World War 1 battle site, Mametz Wood, in France on July 7.

They joined official representatives and villagers on the field in front of Mametz Wood.

Jean said: "The service was conducted in Welsh, English and French. The Treorchy Male Voice Choir sang their hearts out.

"The mayor invited everyone to join the villagers in refreshments. All the houses in the small village of Mametz had both French and Welsh flags out. We received a warm welcome on a very special day we will not forget."

Playgroups spread wings

THE Butterflies and Red Robin playgroups of Barry have been praised by the Wales Pre-school Providers Association (WPPA) for their high standards of care.

The playgroups, run by the Vale Council's Flying Start programme, are for children aged two to three years old living in the town's catchment areas.

The inspection covered aspects of the indoor and outdoor learning environment, staff interaction with children and parents, and the overall safety of those attending the playgroups. In the inspector's findings, both childcare settings were "highly commended" for their performance.



Jane Hutt AM and Alun Cairns MP are pictured taking a tour of the farm with Amelia Trust volunteers.

MP and AM down on the farm to praise work of Amelia Trust

MP Alun Cairns and Jane Hutt AM were at the Amelia Trust Farm on Friday to congratulate young people on achieving awards from the farm, and to pay tribute to the staff and volunteers.

Although the farm is open to the public, its primary purpose is the rehabilitation of youngsters from disadvantaged backgrounds who have struggled to attend school and display consistently negative behaviour.

The farm gives these youngsters support, structure and an opportunity to learn in a

more natural environment than the classroom.

Amelia Trust has been holding annual award ceremonies for many years, but these have recently become more significant following recognition of the awards by City and Guilds.

Mr Cairns and Ms Hutt were given a tour of new improvements to the site before the award ceremonies took place. Among the improvements were a new animal viewing gallery, a prayer labyrinth and a wood chopping station.

The MP paid tribute

to volunteers and staff at the site and added: "The dedicated volunteers and staff who do this work are worth their weight in gold. I challenge anyone not to be truly impressed by their achievements in allowing so many young people to play a positive role in society."

ISLAND BUSK FOR WATERAID

THE Barry Island Busk takes place this Saturday (July 16) on the eastern prom from 12pm - 3pm.

Choirs from south Wales, led by Laura Bradshaw, will be performing until 2pm, culminating in a 'Big Sing' of all the choirs together, plus members of choirs led by other 'Natural Voice' singing leaders from 2pm - 3pm (Porthkerry Community Singers, Sound Women of Penarth, Chapter Singers of Cardiff, Cardiff Canton Singers, Betws Community Choir, Newport Mind group, Splott Local Vocals, Grangetown Community Choir and Oasis refugee centre music group).

St Helen's School choir will sing at 1.20pm. People are urged to bring a deck chair and a picnic to support an event that will raise funds for Wateraid.

Stan's the man to open Scout fete in Barry!



Stan Smith is pictured with Jane Hutt AM.

THE Vale AM joined in the sun and fun at the Barry Scouts and Guides annual fete at Romilly Park, where Stan Smith, who joined the 3rd Barry Scouts at St Pauls in 1932, officially opened the event.

She commented: "It was an honour to meet someone with such a long history with the Scouts. He is a great advert for the organisation!"

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SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST

Cruise to Ilfracombe & time ashore	11.00	20.15	£33 /
Day cruise: Exmoor Coast & Bideford Bay	11.00	20.15	£35 /

MONDAY 8TH AUGUST

Cruise to Clevedon & time ashore	08.45	14.15	£15 / £13
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THURSDAY 11TH AUGUST

Cruise River Usk & Holm Islands	10.00	16.00	£25 / £23
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FRIDAY 12TH AUGUST

Cruise to Porthcawl & time ashore	10.00	16.45	£25 / £23
Cruise Welsh Heritage Coast & Nash Point	10.00	16.45	£27 / £25

SATURDAY 13TH AUGUST

Cruise to Clevedon & time ashore	11.30	18.30	£15 /
3 Rivers & 5 Bridges: Avon, Severn & Wye	11.30	18.30	£30 /

SUNDAY 14TH AUGUST

Cruise to Clevedon & time ashore	13.00	19.00	£15 /
3 Rivers & 5 Bridges: Avon, Severn & Wye	13.00	19.00	£27 /

MONDAY 15TH AUGUST

Cruise to Watchet & time ashore	14.30	20.30	£25 / £23
Cruise Watchet & West Somerset Railway	14.30	20.30	£46 / £44

SATURDAY 20TH AUGUST

Cruise to Ilfracombe & time ashore	11.00	18.30	£33 /
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FRIDAY 26TH AUGUST

Cruise to Minehead & time ashore	10.45	15.45	£25 / £23
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SATURDAY 27TH AUGUST

Cruise to Clevedon & time ashore	11.15	18.30	£15 /
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SUNDAY 28TH AUGUST

Cruise to Clevedon & time ashore	13.00	19.30	£15 /
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MONDAY 29TH AUGUST

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Gurr-eth Bale and his team mates just want to go home!

**Playful Minstrel.****Rhodri is a Welsh fan.**

STAFF at Dogs Trust Bridgend are appealing to dog loving football fans to help score homes for the centre's four-legged footie fans.

The residents of Dogs Trust Bridgend were keen to spur on the national team for the game against Portugal and made a banner cheering on the team.

Proud Welshman Rhodri is a four-year-old terrier who has been sitting on the bench waiting for a new home for over a year.

Rhodri loves nothing better than chasing after a football and could outrun Gareth Bale if there was a treat in it for him.

Eight week old American Bulldog puppy, Minstrel, is desperate to find a loving new home where he can play endless games of chase.

The playful pups would love to find a football-loving home where they can continue their training and receive plenty of adoration from their number one fans, in the form of a new family. Dogs Trust assistant manager

Rebecca Baker said: "We are already toasting Welsh success and celebrating finding homes for puppies Gurr-eth Bale, Hal Dogson Kanu and Joe Leadley earlier in the tournament, and the only thing which could top it would be to finally find Rhodri and Minstrel the loving homes they deserve!"

If you are interested in rehoming a dog, call the Bridgend Rehoming Centre 0300 303 0292 or visit www.dogstrust.org.uk.

COMMUNITY FOOD CO-OP UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

**The ValePlus team.**

Welsh NHS complaints up 4 per cent

COMPLAINTS against Welsh NHS bodies made to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales have risen by four per cent over the past year, according to new figures.

Ombudsman Nick Bennett has called for stronger leadership to "turn the curve" of complaints and said new Assembly legislation for his office was needed to improve public services in Wales.

One million step challenge

DIABETES UK CYMRU is asking people in Wales to 'step up' to a challenge: one million footsteps in three months.

Funds raised through the challenge will go towards research into diabetes.

Dai Williams, director of Diabetes UK Cymru, said: "Taking a million steps over three months may sound like a lot, but it works out as roughly 10,000 steps a day, which is the minimum amount recommended to stay in good health."

VALEPLUS, which provides day services for adults with disabilities, has now taken over the local community food co-op.

This will give local people the opportunity to purchase fresh quality fruit, vegetables and eggs at good prices.

Items are £3 a bag and eggs are 60p for six.

The community food co-op will operate on Friday afternoons

between 1pm and 3pm at the Guide Hall, Colhugh Street, Llantwit Major. All money and orders must be in the previous week: to do this, visit the

hall between the allocated times.

Angharad Pritchard, the ValePlus outreach manager said: "We are very pleased to be taking part in this project; not only does it help the local community, but it also gives our service users the chance to learn and participate in new skills, such as weighing, sorting, writing out and counting up the orders; sorting money and serving the public."

For more information on ValePlus or the co-op, contact Angharad on 01446 746691 or email angharadp@valeplus.org.uk.

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CHURCH IN WALES DRONES IN LOCAL BURIAL GROUNDS

TO the nine choirs of angels, the Church in Wales has added another rank – drones!

For hundreds of years, the maintenance of burial records has been confined to written registers and books, together with hand drawn maps and plans – but that's about to change thanks to the latest in cutting edge technology.

In a pilot project for Llandaff Diocese, four parishes are deploying unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) more commonly known as aerial drones, as part of a new mapping system, which will enable people to find graves more easily.

Images taken by the drones will be combined with photographs of headstones and scans of handwritten records going back hundreds of years.

The four churches trialling the system are St Nicholas' Church, St Nicholas; St Augustine's Church, Penarth; Holy Trinity Church, Ystrad Mynach and St Mary's Church, Glyntaff, Pontypridd.

The project is being carried out by Atlantic Geomatics using their Burial Ground



Management System software.

Sarah Perons, care of churches advisor said: "The main aim of the system is to make churchyards more easily manageable for parishes but it will also provide a vehicle for historical information and allow easy access to family history."

"The use of drones in the survey has the added benefit of enabling us to check the

condition of our church buildings without having to erect scaffolding."

If successful, the project may be rolled out to more parishes across the diocese in the future.

Pupils from St Nicholas Church in Wales Primary School were involved in the project, by helping to photograph headstones in their local churchyard.

Atlantic Geomatics say the maps would also show how much space remains in churchyards to help local authorities plan for the future.

Tim Viney, MD of Atlantic Geomatics said: "Virtually no churches have mapping of their churchyard and often their registers are not backed up so there is a great risk of things being lost."

"Our system not only maps the churchyard,

but protects the heritage for future generations and it means the records are easily accessible."

"Under the system, churches will be able to maintain the map themselves, so if there is a funeral and burial, they can add the details themselves."

Llandaff Diocese is the first diocese in Wales to trial the scheme.

Vale Council scheme is up for an award

THE Vale Council's 'Inspiring the Vale Bursary Scheme' has been shortlisted in the Entprising Business Awards (EBA) 2016.

The EBA are part of the Government's drive to increase entrepreneurial activity in the UK and are managed by Investment in Young People on behalf of the Department for Business Innovation and Skills (BIS).

The Inspiring the Vale Bursary Scheme, which supports budding entrepreneurs in the Vale, was entered into the Promoting Entrepreneurial Spirit category, after helping 42 recipients of the bursary to launch successful businesses.

Former bursary recipient Monique Post, Joint Director of InAwe (International Autism Wales Education), said "I always knew that running a business and working for myself would be something that would fit me in the best way."

"I wanted to be independent and found the Inspire the Vale bursary, which gave me

the ability to not only gain financial support, but also business support which has been invaluable."

"The help and assistance I received from the council meant that I could take the plunge knowing the challenges I would face as a start-up."

"My business is doing really well and I would recommend the bursary scheme to anyone who is thinking about starting their own business."

The Inspiring the Vale Bursary Scheme, is supported by the Waterloo Foundation and was created to provide bursaries for individuals and groups of young people aged 30 and under, starting a new businesses or community enterprises

in the Vale.

Eligible applicants can receive up to £3,000 to meet the costs of starting a business, following the submission of a three-year business plan which is assessed by a panel for approval.

Additional support is given to applicants in the form of workshops, mentoring and boardroom sessions, to discuss the issues and challenges that might impact upon a business and the owner.

For information on applying for an Inspiring the Vale Bursary, contact Creative Rural Communities on 01446 704637, or by email at create@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

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THIS YEAR'S VALE SHOW COULD BE THE BEST YET!

HORSES, cattle, sheep, pigs, poultry, giant vegetables, the Stannage International Stunt Team, the Rockwood Dog Display Team and the famous Quack Pack will feature in this year's Vale of Glamorgan Show on Wednesday, August 10.

The Vale Show, held at Fommon Castle, is the highlight of the summer and is set to be the best yet with many more attractions for all the family to enjoy.

At the livestock lines there will be the best cows and sheep from around the country competing for breed championships and other classes and a chance to see how cows are milked. There will also be a

poultry show and bigger countryside area to explore. You can wander around the dog show and see 70 different breeds of dog. Come and watch the sheep shearing competition, see the fleece competition and learn how the wool is spun.

The beekeepers will be at the show again this year and visitors will have the chance to join the bees in the enclosure to learn about beekeeping and honey.

There are lots of horse and pony classes at the show starting at 8.30am and culminating in an exciting show jumping competition in the main ring.

Whatever else you do on show day, do not miss the fantastic food court which brings the best of Welsh produce to the show field!

Why not enter the show yourselves this year? There are lots of classes in the home produce section, such as cookery, sewing and craft work. There are extra classes just for children to enter.

The horticulture show also has children's classes and is building on the success of last year for 2016 with classes for all from the hobby gardener to professionals.

Make sure that you come to see the giant

vegetables in the horticulture marquee. Details of all the classes running at the show can be found in the schedules which are on the show website.

There is so much for families to see and do in an action-packed day at the Vale Show... the Army climbing tower is waiting for anyone who wants to take the challenge. We have a new Countryside Ring this year where there will be farming demonstrations, the Quack Pack will appear, the Fire Service will be demonstrating a rescue and there will be other have-a-go activities.

You can watch the grand parade, tour the show ground on the road train, catch the Punch and Judy show, enjoy the delicious Welsh food in the food court and browse over 250 trade stands. There really is something for everyone.

You can buy early bird tickets at a discounted price via our website www.valeofglamorganshow.co.uk. For further information, call 07513 141698.

Come and have a fun-filled family day at the show on Wednesday, August 10 at Fommon Castle, near Barry.

SARAH FENNES,
general secretary

Vale Friends' day out at Dyffryn



The Vale Friends at Dyffryn House.

MEMBERS of the Vale Friendship Group recently got together for a day out at Dyffryn House and Gardens.

Sergeant Mark John organised the trip, which was enjoyed by some of the most vulnerable citizens of Llantwit Major and the surrounding area.

Often without relatives living nearby or with limited social opportunities, members of the Vale Friendship Group are more likely to be targeted and become victims of certain crimes.

Figures demonstrate that Llantwit Major has a disproportionate share of rogue trader incidents and 'scam' attempts.

The group has grown to over 30 members since it was launched in November, 2015.

Days out for members are regularly organised and have previously

included trips to the cinema and to Barry Island.

Sergeant Mark John, said: "Once again, the outing was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by the members. The group was launched in response to a real community need, and I hope that its membership continues to grow."

Putting the 'tea' in charity

THE 'world's biggest coffee morning' as organised by Macmillan Cancer Support takes place in September.

The charity is asking friends, families and workmates to take part in the coffee morning. To find out more, visit coffee.macmillan.org.uk.

WHAT'S ON in brief

Society's talk

A TALK entitled 'The Severn Princess', will be given to Penarth Local History Society by Tim Ryan at 7.30pm today, July 14 at the All Saints' Church Lesser Hall, in Penarth. New members are welcome.

Camp meeting

JANE Hutt AM is holding a meeting at West Camp Community Centre, Starling Road, St Athan on Friday (July 15) from 5pm - 7pm.

This will discuss issues affecting residents' homes and the estate following the setting-up of the West Camp Estate Residents' Group.

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Candyfloss is a problem... but Mayor is a dab hand at Welsh cakes!



Pupils Catrin Swann and Elizabeth Regan are clearly amused by the Vale Mayor's tussle with candyfloss.

MAYOR of the Vale, Coun Stuart Egan, visited Sully Primary School to open the PTA summer fete and tried his hand at making candyfloss – but quickly decided that he was much better at making Welsh cakes!

The fete raised £3,400, which will go towards providing a new audio and video system for the school hall.

"I am delighted that such a fantastic amount was raised and I would like to acknowledge the hard work of a very small, but very successful, PTA," the Mayor said.

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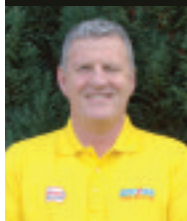
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Cats' Protection on the agenda for Rhose WI

KELLY Matthews, education officer of Cats Protection, was the speaker at the July meeting of Rhose WI on July 7.

Entertaining and informative, Kelly covered all aspects of the charity's work. Using question and answer to highlight facts about cat care and behaviour, she stressed the imperative of neutering, revealing that within five years an un-neutered cat and her un-neutered offspring could produce up to 20,000 kittens!

She also spoke of how the cat/human relationship is symbiotic, with cats helping humans to cope with stress and the fact that this has been shown to lower human blood pressure.

On behalf of members, the vote of thanks for a most interesting talk was given by Avril Phillips.

Business then resumed, and the president reported that she had received notes of appreciation from the visiting Heritage Coast

social group WIs for the fashion show and afternoon tea provided by Rhose last month.

She also reminded members that skittle afternoons will be postponed until September. However, the craft club will take place on July 20 at 2pm when members will begin work on the WI's entry for the GFWI Christmas tree festival in November.

Lunch club will meet at the Highwayman Inn at 12.30pm on July 28. There will also be an afternoon tea at Coffee Time in August (date to be confirmed); this will cost £6 which must be paid at the next meeting in order to secure a place. Tickets for the Curling and Cake Tournament will also be on sale at that time. The August meeting will be at the community hall, Stewart Road on August 4 at 7.30pm; members are reminded to bring a small plate of food as this will be a social evening.

Finally, this month's competition winner was announced – congratulations to Gill Oliver – with the raffle prize going to Jan Dally.

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Welsh Tory leader backing new PM

LEADER of the Welsh Conservatives and prominent Brexit supporter, Andrew RT Davies AM has publicly backed new party leader Theresa May, who voted to Remain in the EU Referendum.

Mr Davies, regional AM for South Wales Central, said he was "very much looking forward" to working closely with the new Prime Minister.

The announcement "presents the new Prime Minister with an immediate opportunity to bring the country together, and to navigate Britain's successful exit from the European Union," said Mr Davies.



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Reception pupils show off their artwork at Romilly Primary



RECEPTION pupils at Romilly Primary School, in Barry, held an exhibition to show off their artwork on July 6.

Parents were invited to view the children's efforts as a finale to their summer term topic of 'The Beach'.

The year group received a grant from the Arts Council of Wales' 'Go and See' scheme, which enabled them to visit the National Museum of Wales in Cardiff. There, the children

were taken on a tour of the natural history and art galleries, and also took part in a printmaking workshop with artist Helen Clifford.

Back at school, the children enjoyed a whole week of art activities, where they looked at the work of several artists and tried out various art techniques, including printmaking, collage, painting, weaving and sculpture.

You can see more pictures on the school website.

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Ex patients are sought to help others in kidney disease drive

A SERVICE offering a helping hand to new kidney patients is on the lookout for volunteers to boost its numbers.

Swansea-based charity, the Paul Popham Fund, is behind the latest drive to recruit anyone with first-hand experience of kidney disease that could give new renal patients support and advice.

The fund's chair, Joanne Popham, said: "Being diagnosed with kidney disease is life-changing and who better to understand that than someone who has either gone through it themselves or seen a loved one go through it."

Welcoming the fund's involvement, consultant nephrologist Ash Mikhail explained that a befriending service had been running at Morriston for more than

11 years and this extra support would build on that success.

The fund has been working to develop the befriending service alongside staff from the regional renal team based at Morriston Hospital and hosted an event to launch its involvement.

Anyone who signs up to become a befriender will be given specialist training by a clinical psychologist and will receive support from the charity as well as the team at the renal unit which deals with patients living anywhere from Bridgend to Fishguard and as far north as Towyn.

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Councillors' surgery

Labour Vale and Town councillors for Buttrills, Castleland and Court Wards, Barry – Bronwen Brooks, Pamela Drake, Jeff Evans, Chris Elmore, Les Sword, Karl Khunell and Stuart Egan – will hold their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, July 16 from 10am – 11am in the Chief Librarian's office Barry Library, King Square. No appointment necessary.

Legal advice

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a free legal advice session on Tuesday, July 19 at 10am – 12pm at their Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

If you are over 50 and worried about a legal matter (other than criminal law) come along and chat to a legal adviser.

No appointment needed; call 01446 732385 for further information.

Anyone needing free and impartial advice on cutting energy bills can find out if they are eligible for free home improvement grants through the

Welsh Government NEST Programme.

Age Connects are also holding a session at the Senior Health Shop on July 19, from 10am 12pm; no appointment is needed.

Contact the above number for further information. Home visits can be arranged if needed on freephone 0808 8082244.

Valeways walks

ON Wednesday, July 20 at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers meet at Cosmeston Visitor Centre, Cosmeston Country Park.

Also on July 20 at 2.30pm, the Llantwit Major coffee shop strollers meet at Llantwit Major town hall car park.

On July 21 at 10am, Crwydro Penarth, Gorsaf Reilffordd, Penarth.

Also on July 21 at 11am, 'To the beach', starting at Llantwit Major town hall car park.

Murch coffee

A COFFEE morning will take place at Murch Bowling Club, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys on Saturday, July 23 from 10am to 12pm.

Bric-a-brac, cakes, nearly-new stall, books, raffle etc in aid of Teenage Cancer Trust and Click.

All welcome.

Action group

ON Saturday, July 23 at 10am Barry Citizens' Action Group will be unveiling an information board in Central Park, Barry.

The board will display the history and heritage of Central Park and town hall site.

Members of the public are invited to go along.

Mayor's coffee

THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Charlotte Williams, will host a coffee morning on Monday, July 25 in the Council Chamber at Barry Town Council, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry from 10am – 12pm, in aid of her chosen charities.

Breast Cancer Now, Life After Stroke Cardiff & Vale and The Downs Syndrome Association Wales will all benefit; for more information contact 01446 704921 or email

juliehurst@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk.

Road Dahl on film

FANS of all ages will be able to relive magical memories this summer when Roald Dahl's films are brought to life in over 50 screenings and special events across Wales, including Cardiff and the Vale.

To celebrate Roald Dahl 100 – the centenary year of Cardiff-born Dahl's birth – Film Hub Wales and Chapter as Film Hub lead organisation have developed a family-friendly film programme running across nine venues.

Details for each venue can be found at filmhubwales.org/roalddahlfilm/whatson.

Toy and train sale

BARRY ISLAND station toy and train sale takes place on Sunday, August 7 (10.30am-3pm) at Barry Island station, Station Approach, Barry Island, CF62 5TH.

For full details, contact (01643) 702757, 07966 694579 or website www.chrisdyerfair.co.uk.

Meeting residents

THE Court Independent team will be out meeting new residents of the Cwrt Maes Dyfan, off Gibbonsdown Rise, development this Saturday, July 16.

Coun Richard Bertin and team will be knocking

doors to meet with new residents between 2pm and 3pm on the day.

For further information, contact Coun Bertin on 01446 736227.

Lego day

BARRY Evangelical Presbyterian Church will hold a free Lego building day for children aged five – 10 on Friday, July 22 from 9.30am – 12pm.

Children will build a town with Lego and discover the Bible Zone.

Barry EPC meets at Wilberforce Hall on Barry Road. To register or find out more information email info@barryepc.org.uk. Places are limited.

Horeb fun

COME and have fun at Horeb Baptist Chapel, Dinam Close in Nant-y-Moel; exciting Bible stories, games, crafts, snacks, competitions and prizes.

For children ages 5 through 13, this runs from July 26 – 29, each day 4.30pm – 6.30pm.

On July 25 the first family film matinee will show *Rocket Man* at 4pm, at Horeb Chapel. *Brave* will follow on August 1 and *Frozen* on August

Anniversary display

GLAMORGAN Quilters will hold their 35th anniversary exhibition at United Free Church, Westgate, Cowbridge CF71 7AQ on July 29 and 30 from 11am – 4pm. Admission £4.

World War 1 quilts

THE Cutting Edge textile group has an exhibition of World War One quilts at Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge on July 29 and 30.

The quilts remember those lost in the First World War and many were made by family and friends. Free admission.

The Blow Monkeys to play St Donat's

ST DONATS Arts Centre welcomes The Blow Monkeys on Friday, July 22 for their only Welsh gig this tour.

Following the success of their latest album, the self-released 'If Not Now, When?' in 2015, the band are ready to spread the love and share the music out there 'live' once again!

Since they reformed in 2008,

they have resumed recording and performing. This is a chance to catch a legendary band with all four original members performing at the peak of their powers with a mix of 'classic hits' and brand new songs – all infused with their enigmatic style.

The Blow Monkeys will be forever known for hit songs from the 80's – such as 'Digging Your Scene' and 'It Doesn't Have To Be This Way', with Dr Robert the

iconic frontman, but the man himself prefers to live in the present: "We've made four albums in the last six years since we reformed. We're on a roller! It's not about nostalgia and never will be."

"Of course, we play the old songs live and love doing them, but the buzz also comes from doing something new."

"Our audience is hip enough to know that," he said.

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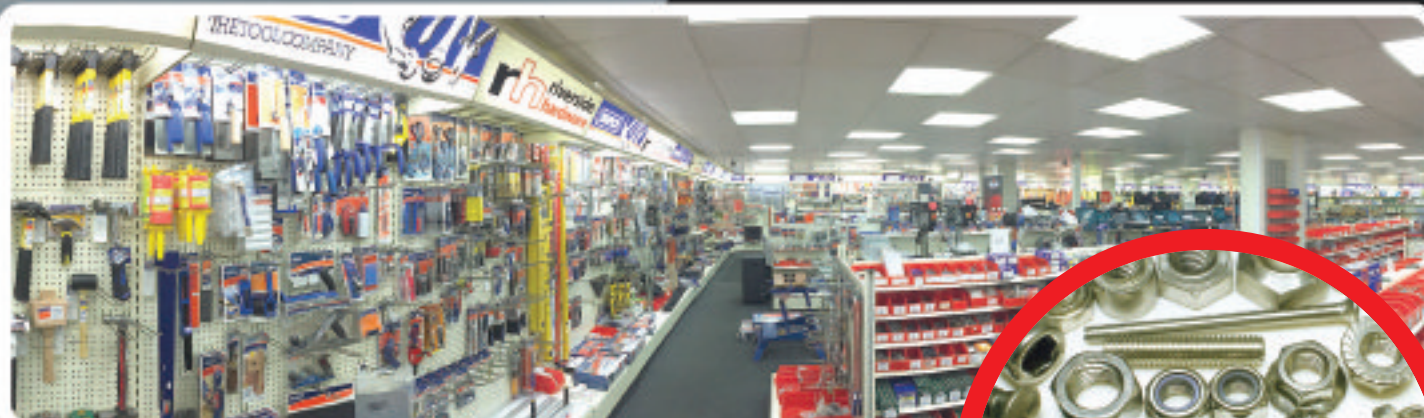
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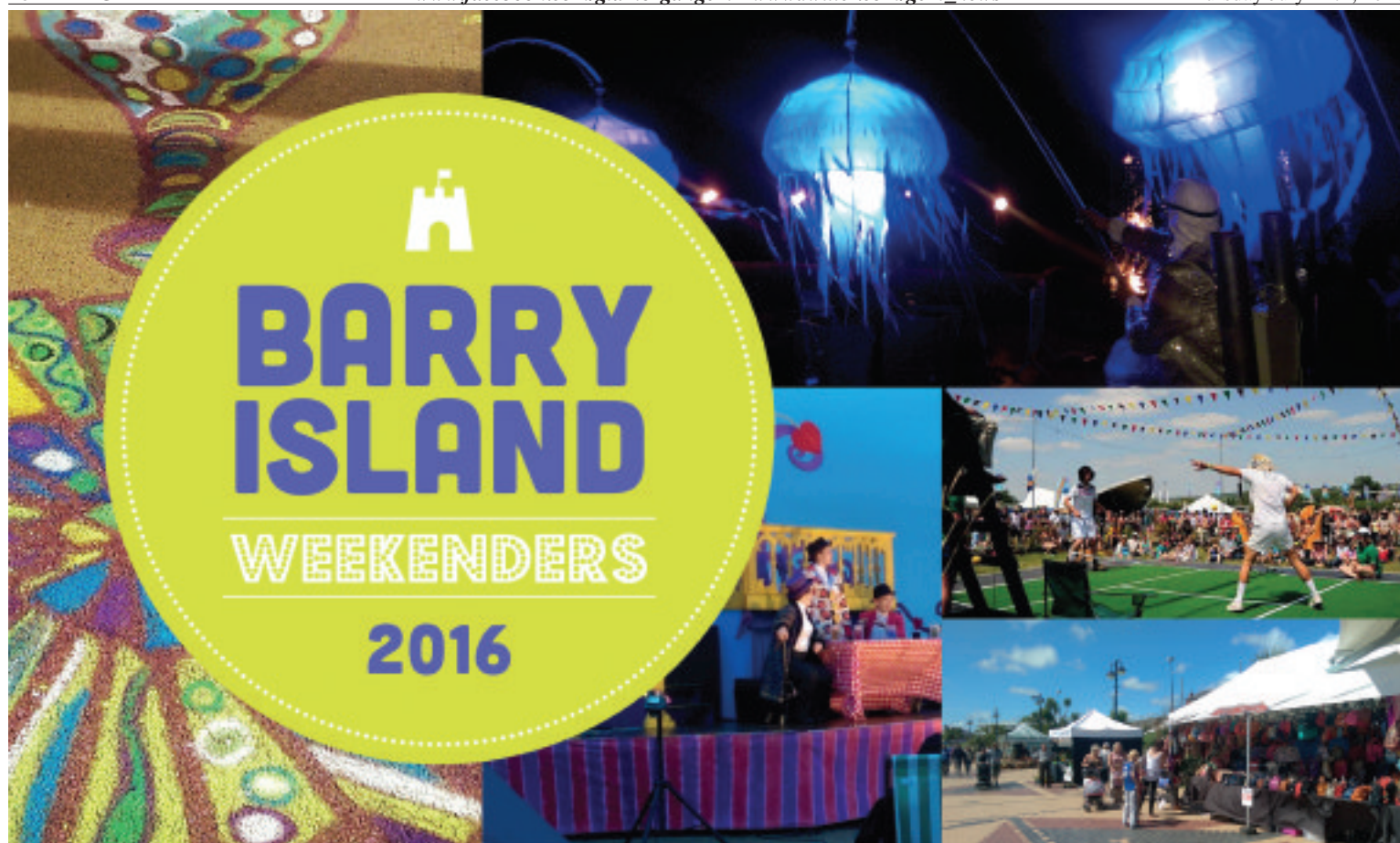
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13th & 14th August **CIRCUS WEEKENDER**

Join No Fit State Circus for workshops each afternoon plus enjoy juggling shows and circus performers on the prom. Samba Galez will also perform on Sunday afternoon. **12noon to 4pm** each day.

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GEM READERS' LETTERS EXTRA

'Ill-informed views about foreigners'

AS the EU referendum and its result is the most important event to happen to the UK for 50 years, if not longer, I feel it's important to continue the debate.

Mr Bradshaw in his letter (The GEM, July 7) repeats the canard that we are governed by "unelected, unaccountable, irremovable (sic), unrecognisable politicians in Brussels".

I can only assume he did not vote in the last EU elections for one of the four Welsh MEPs who were all elected on the basis of proportional representation, so that they accurately reflected the voting patterns and percentages of the people of Wales, which is something that most Welsh MPs elected to the House of Commons signally failed to achieve!

I would further assume that he has not been in correspondence with his MEPs over any of the many vital issues covering the environment, workers' rights, TTIP, or other pan-European issues – or, more typically EU wide reductions in roaming charges made when operators were forced to by our 'unelected' EU parliament to reduce them, issues that really matter to the living standards and well being of the people of the country.

I have written many letters on these and other subjects to my elected MEPs and, with the exception of the

UKIP MEP, who only wants to tell me to leave the EU, I've never failed to receive courteous, well presented, replies, just as I get from my MP when I write to him over UK issues.

I would ask Mr Harris (The GEM, July 7) to be specific about his comment that: "It is the vast number of people who have arrived or are trying to arrive, illegally (his word) with no means of supporting themselves and expect to be housed and supported by us."

Ill-informed views have seen an increase in hate crime since the referendum result was announced and used to make guest workers the reason for the lack of housing, schooling and health services.

One statistic to consider: since 2010, the amount of GNP spent on the NHS has reduced from 9 per cent at the time of the 2010 election to 6 per cent now, which was the level it was when the Conservatives were kicked out in 1997. So who is causing the pressure on the NHS – incomers or our own 'elected' politicians?

To those people who prate about 'wanting their country back', or rectifying the 'democratic deficit', I ask – have you actually been involved in Europe at all, or are your views coloured by views of 'Johnny foreigner' conjured up by Farage, Johnson and Gove?

David Kennett, Barry.

'WE'VE LOST CONTROL OF OUR GOVERNMENT'

IT was no surprise that Alun Cairns MP's meeting last Friday in Cowbridge was so well attended, as so many of us have had enough of experts.

In April 2015, Alun Cairns told those at hustings that he would be voting to leave, but has at some point since, apparently, changed his mind.

Our MP is now concerned that we will talk the UK into a recession, although the idea that the opinions of those of us in Cowbridge will determine what banks and corporations do seems very far-fetched.

We are in a situation with a Conservative Government that only received 36.9 per cent of the votes in 2015 making incredibly important decisions for younger people, who will live with the consequences for many years.

Just 199 of 330 Tory MPs have chosen Teresa May as our new Prime Minister.

I believe that we, the British people, have lost control of our Government. Young people whose wishes and experiences are being ignored, are likely to lose many life

choices and opportunities.

Seventy per cent of the under-25s, those who are most likely to study, live, socialise and compete for jobs and housing with people immigrating from other EU countries, voted for the UK to remain a member of the EU – almost 65 per cent of under-25s voted.

At the meeting, we heard from a grandfather who voted leave because of his grandchildren, fearing that the 4 per cent of the population who were born in other EU countries would diminish their lives.

And yet his grandchildren's

generation are embracing migration and international friendships – record numbers of British people are at universities on the continent.

It does seem that those who are most socially and economically active, and form their opinions from experiences, rather than sensationalised and inaccurate newspaper headlines, are in favour of EU membership.

Numerous complaints about anti-EU newspaper headlines have been upheld, but corrections only appear weeks later in small print.

Ian Perry.

Why change the name? – only one makes sense:

'Cemetery Approach'

BARRY Town Council has asked people to choose one of five names for the new developments at Cemetery Approach.

I'm pleased they are doing the gardens, but must point out that Cemetery Approach was given to the people of Barry in 1934. It wasn't given to the council.

More than 11,300 Barry people signed a petition to preserve 'Cemetery Approach' and that is the name that must be used.

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Bryn Evans,
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In these uncertain times I am working hard with professional colleagues to try and make sure it stays like that.

I am delighted that I have been personally shortlisted for the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain's 'I love my pharmacist' Awards.

I would really appreciate support from all those who want to see community pharmacy thrive and are willing to help me represent Wales in these prestigious UK wide Awards.

Community pharmacy is not only the healthcare centre in the high street but is often also one of the last bastions of the high streets and local community, now that the banks and post offices and independent shops are slowly disappearing.

I believe passionately that we can do things



by Kate Thomas, Pharmacist Proprietor, Sylvia Williams Chemist.

differently in Wales, that we can be a leading light and show the rest of the UK that community pharmacy could be utilised really effectively to help the NHS and ease the burden on GPs, giving them more time to spend with their patients, saving the NHS money and improving patient outcomes.

This would be a really positive step forward and I would really appreciate your vote to be able to canvass a positive way forward for Welsh pharmacies at this critical time in history.

Voting can be done online at www.ilovemypharma.co.uk or on paper forms in Sylvia Williams Chemist. It is open to any age group and closes on July 21.

With the holiday season under way, this month's health article is advice for your holidays,

be they in the UK or abroad. The last thing anyone wants on their summer holiday is to get ill. But in the lead-up to a holiday, it can be easy to spend more time thinking about the latest season's fashion, getting the best exchange rate, or making sure that the pets will be looked after.

It may not seem important at the time, but having a quick chat with your pharmacist before you go on holiday, can help to avoid some of the most common illnesses that can spoil your holiday.

Stomach bugs: People often suffer with diarrhoea and sickness on holiday because they

have consumed contaminated food or water.

Follow the simple rule 'cook it, boil it, peel it or leave it' while you're on your holiday.

Stomach upsets can also be caused by bad hygiene, so make sure that you wash your hands thoroughly before preparing or eating food.

Pharmacy tips: Take some re-hydration sachets with you in your first aid kit, just in case you have a stomach bug.

These will stop you from getting dehydrated. You can also ask your pharmacist about anti-diarrhoea pills.

(To be continued next week)

Ty Hafan lottery

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D930.

● **£2,000:** 535039.

● **The rollover, which now stands at £10,500, was not won this week.**

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Euro 2016 gives Cardiff Airport passenger boost

PASSENGER numbers at Cardiff Airport have risen in the last year, partly as a result of Wales' semi-final run in the European Championships.

That's according to new statistics released this week.

Figures for June 2016 reveal a year-on-year jump of 17 per cent, reflecting Wales' fantastic progress to the semi-finals of Euro 2016.

Meanwhile, the overall number of passengers flying from Cardiff Airport over the last 12 months was 1.3 million.

Shadow Economy Secretary, Russell

George AM, said: "It's great news for Cardiff Airport that passenger numbers have risen significantly over the last year, and we need to see that progress sustaining itself in the years ahead."

He added: "We know from independent analysis that the Welsh Government paid twice as much for the airport as they were advised to, and long-term growth will enable taxpayers to reclaim some of that lost money."

"Wales' success in the Euros has attracted thousands of new passengers to the airport and experts will look closely at its performance next year to see if that progress can be repeated."

Drive to promote active lifestyles

A 'HEALTH and fitness' day held at St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School proved popular with staff and pupils alike.

FREE RUNNING

PUPILS had a choice of activities to take part in, including cardio core tennis, Parkour, Insanity-style fitness, military fitness and the 'Alphabet Fitness Challenge' on offer to raise heart rates.

Pupils from year-7 to year-10 were given further information about the activities from the health and fitness day, so that they could get involved outside of school hours, in a drive to get more children across the Vale.

Wales has one of the highest rates of obesity in the UK, which led teachers at the school to act, organising a day full of different physical activities.

For more information on physical activity in the Vale, contact the Vale Council's sports development on 01446 704728 or email kjdavies@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

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<p>New consultant from 23rd July Saturdays 9.30am Buttrills Community Centre, North Walk, Barry Martin 07827 445570</p> <p>Mondays 5.00pm and 7.00pm Cadoxton Moors Community Centre, off Cardiff Road, Barry Julie 07903 585693</p> <p>Mondays 5.30pm and 7.30pm Celtic Way Community Centre, Rhooose Helen 01446 750738/ 07968 355119</p> <p>Mondays 5.30pm and 7pm Elfed Avenue United Church, Elfed Avenue, Penarth Nia 07793 885581</p> <p>Mondays 5.30pm and 7.30pm Tabernacl Church Kings Square, Barry Lorraine 01446 407002</p> <p>Tuesdays 7.30pm St Marys Catholic Church Hall, Ewenny Road, Bridgend Graham 07475 865005</p> <p><i>visit the website for address changes</i> slimmingworld.co.uk 0344 897 8000</p>	<p>Tuesdays 9.30am Gigal Church, Woodland Ave, Porthcawl Bev 07912 172674</p> <p>Tuesdays 9.30am and 11.30am Parish of Our Lady & St Iltyd, (Catholic Church), Ham Lane East, Llantwit Major Helen 01446 750738/ 07968 355119</p> <p>Tuesdays 5.30pm and 7.30pm Parish of Our Lady & St Iltyd, (Catholic Church), Ham Lane East, Llantwit Major Helen 01446 750738/ 07968 355119</p> <p>Tuesdays 5.30pm Holy Trinity Presbyterian, Church Hall, Trinity Street, Barry Joanne 01446 404897</p> <p>Tuesdays 6.30pm The Old School, South Road, Sully CF64 5TG Nicola 01446 740394</p> <p>Wednesdays 9.30am Cornelly Methodist Church (opp. surgery) Dee 07733 267369</p>	<p>Wednesdays 6.00pm Cadoxton Methodist Church, Church Road, Barry Joanne 01446 404897</p> <p>Wednesdays 4.45pm and 6.45pm St Francis Millennium Centre, Park Road, Porth-Y-Castell, Barry Annmarie 01446 736534</p> <p>Wednesday 3.30pm, 5.30pm, and 7.30pm Bridgend Deaf Club, Coychurch Road, Bridgend Helen - 01656 720963</p> <p>Thursdays 3.30pm, 5.30pm and 7.30pm Talbot Community Centre, Kenfig Hill Millie 07765 040006</p> <p>Thursdays 10.15am St Helen's Church Hall, Wyndham Street, Barry CF63 4EL Nicola - 01446 740394</p> <p>Thursdays 5.30pm Highlight Park Community Centre, Barry Annmarie 01446 736534</p>
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GRASSES FOR GARDENS

AUGUST is usually the month when most of us go on holiday and leave our gardens to fend for themselves.

A little thought before you go, and some tender loving care when you return, will be enough to make sure that you can go away without worrying about all of your hard gardening work going to waste.

If you travel a fair amount, then it might be worth considering some plants that need slightly less watering but still look impressive in flower beds and borders, such as ornamental grasses.

They provide texture, character and form to any garden and develop through the seasons, as bright and colourful foliage is joined by graceful swaying flower heads that last well into winter.

In large borders, grasses can be planted in bold groups or striking drifts, but many varieties perform well in large patio pots, positioned where their individual shape and arching form can be fully appreciated.

Popular grasses for pots include compact Blue Fescue Grass or taller varieties such as Zebra Grass. By positioning grasses close to paths and seating areas you can run your hands over their feathery foliage and flowers as you pass, and taller grasses such as the showstopper

Golden Oats add movement to otherwise static displays.

Ornamental grasses offer great value and variety and are Plants of the Moment in garden centres around the UK this month.

For August watering and summer pruning are key – as the experts will tell you...

August is usually one of the hottest months of the year – making watering essential. Try to use grey water wherever possible, especially as water butts may be running low if it has been a dry summer. August is traditionally holiday-time, so you might need to enlist the help of friends and family to look after the garden while you are away.

When you are at home, take the time to prune summer-flowering shrubs.

RHS HIGH summer is the best time to get outside and enjoy the garden – just remember to keep everything watered. However, Wisteria needs pruning twice a year, in August and again in January to ensure good growth and flowers next year.

It's also the ideal month to take cuttings of woody herbs, such as rosemary, sage and lavender – making sure you take new growth that hasn't flowered this year.

Don't forget to trim lavender after it finishes flowering, to encourage bushy new growth in the spring. If you don't prune them, they will look bare and woody next year.

David Domoney, TV gardener and presenter

THE hour of hard work is at hand for the owner of a spring meadow garden, as the flowers have, by now, ripened seed.

If the skills are available, cut it with a scythe; otherwise, a range of options present themselves, such as the disc mower, the wheeled scythe and the cord trimmer, depending on the scale of the operation.

Don't chop it up, but cut it all off cleanly at the base, then let it lie for a few days to allow the insect life to return to the earth.

Country Life

IF you grow your own, make sure you water consistently, as irregular watering can lead to problems with blossom end rot in tomatoes, splitting of root vegetables and flower dropping in runner beans.

Weeds can also compete with vegetables for water, so make sure you remove them regularly by hoeing. You can still sow quick maturing salad crops, such as summer lettuce, radish, rocket, sorrel, chicory and fennel in the south of England.

Elsewhere, sow green manures, such as crimson clover and Italian ryegrass, to act as a soil improver and to cover bare areas. When dug in, they conserve nutrients and improve soil texture.

Rooted strawberry runners can be planted out and it's time to prune nectarines, apricots and peaches after they have fruited and plums, gages and damsons immediately after they have been harvested.

SARAH MILNE

Local songwriter's Mabinogion musical could be magical

Review by Philip Irwin.

IT is stating the obvious to say that a lot of work goes into staging a musical, and *I Merlin*, which started life a year or so ago in Penarth, took its latest step last week with a short run at the Weston Studio in the Wales Millennium Centre, with a strong cast.

With music written by Katherine Cole from Penarth, book by Jane King, directed by Ieuan Rhys, and choreographed by Amanda Campbell, the show tells a tale from the *Mabinogion*, about the creation of 'The Lady of the Flowers' (Blodeuwedd) by a quintet of meddling magicians.

They do it to help Prince Llew (Aled

Lloyd Rees) who has been cursed and can never marry a mortal woman. This is doubly sad because he is very much loved by his childhood sweetheart, Sioned (Anna-Ffion Cole). At least, he loves her until the Lady of the Flowers comes along – and then he's off with barely a backward glance.

Things go badly for Llewellyn, so he does pay a price for this, but it turns out even worse for Sioned.

Tammy Wynette sang that it was hard to be a woman but trust me Tammy, it was a lot tougher in the *Mabinogion* days.

I'm assuming that the team behind *I Merlin* don't want the story to end here. The hope must be that a producer will take note and develop it for a longer run on a bigger stage, and I'm pleased to say that there is definitely potential here.

The massive plus to this show is that once Blodeuwedd (played well by Tara Camm) appears, the story really kicks on. We are in a world of high drama,

revenge, treachery and passion and Katherine Cole's songwriting is at its best here. There's a *Les Mis* quality and intensity to the pieces she writes for three or four voices.

The minus to the show is that setting up Blodeuwedd's story takes too long. There is a case for cutting a couple of songs. For instance, the five magicians get two comedy numbers in the show, and I think that 'Wild Woman Child' – a rock pastiche in act two – worked far better than 'Magic Maidens' – the one in the first half.

It would be a cruel cut, because the magicians: Iain Scott, Steven Evans, Michael Jarrod, Greg Dummer and Brynley Stone, are all very good.

Taking the show as a whole, all the main performers get a chance to shine. Aled Lloyd Rees has a hard job making Llewellyn likeable, but his voice gets stronger and stronger as the show progresses. Anna-Ffion Cole sings the tragic Sioned's songs beautifully, while Tara

Camm is in turn charming and capricious as Blodeuwedd, with a really strong voice.

Another strong voice belongs to Nico Lee Walters, as Gronw, whose appearance in act two sparks the real drama.

There were also some fine vocal performances from Eleni Young, as Merlin's daughter, who acts as the narrator, and from Eleanor Thorne and Daniel Hill, as the young Sioned and Llewellyn.

Finally, the show is called *I Merlin* and Daniel Lambert is a constant presence as Merlin, adopting a '70s rock-star look, commenting on the action, speaking with an impressive deep booming baritone, and sometimes in an unfeasibly low growl. On balance, I didn't care for the growl.

It would be great to see this show attract further interest. Like Sondheim's *Into The Woods*, it needs plenty of good singers, but Wales is blessed in that regard. Further incarnations of *I Merlin* could be very interesting.

Nostalgia on show at Air Tattoo

ON Saturday, July 9, a group of members from the Penarth Aviation Society joined an outing, organised by society member Dave Rapley, to visit the Royal International Air Tattoo held at RAF Fairford.

On show in the static display were many aircraft of vintage ranging from 1930s' gliders to the current state-of-the-art Airbus A400 transport aircraft.

All airshows need a good flying programme and RIAT, as usual, supplied an outstanding display.

The oldest aircraft were a World War Two Spitfire and Hurricane from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight and the newest was the Lightning2 stealth fighter due to come into service in the next few years.

A nostalgic touch was provided by the Breitling Wing Walking team on 1930s Boeing Stearmans.

The formation aerobatic displays were by teams from round Europe and the near East, with the UK's own Red Arrows providing their usual immaculate performance.

Leaving the airfield saw us discussing both the static and flying displays and looking forward to the 2017 RIAT next July.

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'Hookers' textile panel donated to Mencap



ONE OF three textile panels recently produced by Barry Hookers Crochet and Craft group was gifted to Vale AM Jane Hutt to donate to a charity of her own choosing.

They are constructed from nine-inch squares, each employing various textile techniques such as knitting, applique, crochet, quilting and embroidery portrayed images associated with Barry as a resort and town.

The 'Hookers', who meet at Barry Island's Coffee cove on Wednesday mornings, undertake projects for charity fundraising and also provide a skills exchange where women teach and demonstrate craft techniques to

each other.

Ms Hutt was invited to formally open the Hookers' recent Barry in Stitches spring exhibition at the Travellers Gallery at Barry train station which featured the textile panels.

She chose Mencap to receive the textile panel which will be displayed in their Cardiff offices and was presented with the art work by Sian Rodgers, a Mencap project officer and Dr Jane Salisbury, both representatives of the Barry Hookers craft group.

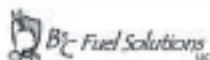
The panel is now on display in the Mencap office in Cardiff, seen here with Sara Pickard (Hidden Now Heard project officer), Wales director Wayne Crocker and Sian Rodgers (Keep Safe and demonstrate craft techniques to

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THE Welsh football team returned home to a ecstatic welcome last Friday as they returned home after an incredible European Championship tournament. Over the next four pages, The GEM pays tribute to a group of players who will go down in Welsh footballing history.

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LANDING at Cardiff Airport, the Welsh team were greeted by a huge crowd, eager to welcome them home after their achievements in France – Vale resident Kate Thomas was one of the many, and was on hand to capture the team as they came back to home soil.



Kate with
Chris Gunter.

Boys in red a credit to Wales

WELL, what a journey. After waiting 58 years to reach the finals of a major football tournament, our Welsh team, ably led by Chris Coleman and captain, Ashley Williams, has performed heroically, far and away outstripping any of our wildest expectations.

Over the past few weeks, the team has captured the hearts and minds of our nation playing with a passion and zeal which has been to the envy of many of our competitors. We have succeeded in combining outstanding levels of spirit and vigour with quality on the pitch.

The eyes of the world have been on Wales and the conduct of our team and management has been truly outstanding – I'm always proud to be Welsh, but the efforts of the past

few weeks have undoubtedly emphasised some of our best qualities as a country – character, determination and togetherness.

We didn't quite manage the fairy tale ending, for sure, but as a nation we are incredibly proud of the team's efforts.

And finally, a word for our incredible support. Thousands and thousands of Welsh men and women have crossed the Channel to back the team and have done so in an impeccable yet passionate fashion.

You too have been a credit to Wales. Similarly, those who have cheered on from the many fanzones, pubs and living rooms across the country!

Well done again to Chris Coleman and his team, enjoy the celebrations, you've earned it. **Andrew RT Davies, South Wales Central AM, Leader of the Welsh Conservatives.**

'A SUMMER TO REMEMBER...'

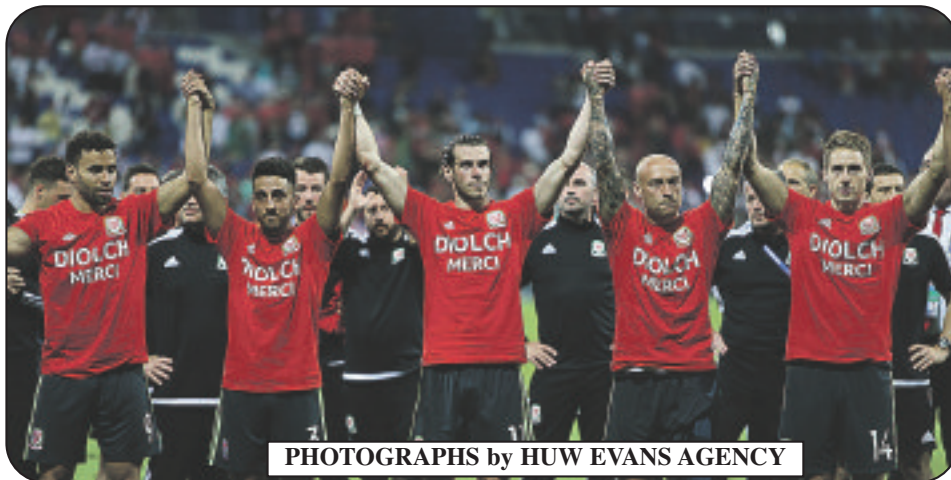
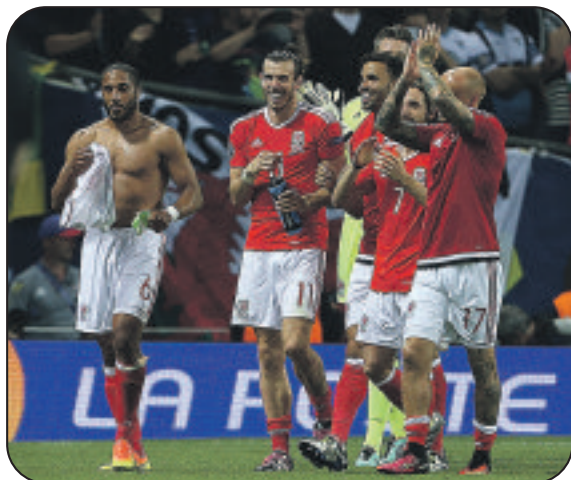
THE support in France was incredible, with over 30,000 Welsh fans in Bordeaux for the opening game against Slovakia. As the tournament wore on, the sea of noise from the 'Red Wall' was awe-inspiring, and one of the many reasons why the team enjoyed the success that they did.



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It may have ended in disappointment as eventual winners Portugal beat Chris Coleman's team 2-0 in Lyon, but this group of players and management have contributed to the greatest summer in Welsh footballing history.



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Kingfisher Developments (Wales) Ltd, which has passed its quarter-century mark, is one of south Wales' leading medium-sized construction firms.

Founded by Graham Hill and Steve Cottingham in the early '90s, the firm has experienced dynamic, but sustainable growth and now employs more

than 50 site staff from its HQ in Llantwit Major – as well as a dedicated team of some 15 admin and support staff.

The company's success derives, as is so often the case, from adversity.

Mr Hill, an old boy of Cowbridge Grammar School, withdrew from completing his 'A' levels and instead embarked on an

articled apprenticeship with a local building company – as he put it – "some years ago."

"I worked for local companies and even studied at Bridgend College – so I have very much been part of the fabric of the region professionally and personally all my life."

Mr Hill continued: "Successive companies I worked for were taken over and before long, I wanted to take a bit more control."

"I had become a member of the CIB (Chartered Institute of Building) and while always having been 'hands on', I wanted to extend that to the management and contracts side of the industry."

He explained that before he and Steve Cottingham started Kingfisher in the early '90s, they were part of



Construction work on the Brook Green footbridge.

a team that went to Highgate to complete the refurbishment of three million-pound houses.

He explained that the initial company had gone bust and that the part-refurbished houses were not weathering the winter well.

"We moved in, camped on-site in the snow and rain – which itself was a good prod to get a move on – and finished the job."

Kingfisher Developments prides itself on being large enough to tackle a wide range of projects, but small enough to ensure that each client receives the personal touch.

The company is split into three divisions: construction, mechanical and specialist. The construction division comprises three sub-specialties of building, restoring – of 'heritage' buildings, for example – and improving.

From groundwork to delivering the finished property, Kingfisher Development's experience of new builds has many satisfied customers in the region.

Recent projects include Aberdare's Gospel Hall Terrace, a development of seven new houses for Cynon Taf Community Housing Group.

The company also has enviable success in improving homes, commercial properties and public spaces.

One recent example of the latter is the replacement of the Brook Green footbridge at Llandough Hill.

The project, though small compared to other Kingfisher

contracts, was an intricate one and demonstrates the company's versatility as a building contractor. It also highlights the high standards of environmental awareness the company prides itself on.

Kingfisher Developments also undertook the recent refurb of Crud yr Awel in Maesteg. Contracted by First Choice Housing Association, the project entailed turning an existing property into four self-contained assisted living flats – the 20th project on behalf of this housing association.

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"Working in partnership with housing associations was one of Kingfisher's founding projects," said Mr Hill. "Soon after starting the company, we built a development for Cynon Taff Housing Association and now have more than half a dozen housing associations and local authorities as our clients, as well as Lloyds TSB and the National Autistic Society.

Understanding the client's needs is one of Kingfisher's trademarks. In the case of Crud yr Awel, uniformity of

quality did not mean uniformity of style, and each flat has been tailored to be unique, just like Kingfisher's clients. Even an 'Elvis Presley' room was not too much to do.

Kingfisher's specialist works department carries out a variety of projects ranging from physical adaptations, structural works and all manner of what it euphemistically terms 'insurance perils' – fire, flood and various acts of God to the public.

People are living longer and more independent lives – even if disabled or simply less active than once

they were – and adaptations to the structure of a home enable this.

Dealing with the devastation of a fire, storm or flood is heartbreak enough, and Kingfisher's site operatives are experienced in this type of work and ensure the job is completed with the minimum of disruption to the client

in what can be a difficult time.

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Ghostbusters reboot slice of summer fun

REBOOTS (or remakes) are part and parcel of the Hollywood furniture – yet few have been met with quite the level of opposition as that of Ghostbusters.

The 1984 original is one of the most beloved films of the last 50 years or so, so when it was announced that Paul Feig (*Spy*, *Bridesmaids*) was to helm an all-female cast, the internet descended into what the original film would describe as 'Fire and brimstone coming down from the skies! Rivers and seas boiling! Forty years of darkness! Earthquakes, volcanoes... The dead rising from the grave! Human sacrifice, dogs and cats living together...' In short, the very essence of mass hysteria!

Things weren't helped by a patchy first trailer that made it into YouTube's top 20 most disliked videos; however the proof of the pudding is in the tasting – and *Ghostbusters* is ready to be tasted.

It tells the story of Erin Gilbert (Kristen Wiig) and Abby Yates (Melissa McCarthy), who write a book that suggests that ghosts are real. A few years later, Gilbert lands a prestigious teaching position at Columbia University, but when her book resurfaces she is laughed out of the university.

However, when ghosts invade Manhattan, Gilbert reunites with Yates and they team up with Jillian Holtzmann (Kate McKinnon) and subway worker Patty Tolan (Leslie Jones) to battle a mysterious demon known as Rowan (Neil Casey) who can exercise control over human forms...

This may shock you, but internet fans aren't always right. Though they may bang their keyboards in fury and (un)righteous anger, what they think is best

is very rarely what actually is best (*Snakes On A Plane* a prime example).

So it may be frustrating for these keyboard warriors that *Ghostbusters* isn't the horrific, disastrous monstrosity that they were hoping for – in fact it's a quite serviceable action comedy that has many good points, and only a few bad ones.

While the shadow of the original hangs heavy over proceedings (not helped by the use of Ray Parker Jr's addictive theme tune at the start), once it spreads its wings and starts to fly it really soars.

The least appealing thing about the film, ironically, is the nods and winks to the *Ghost(buster)s* of films past; while a neat touch of nostalgia and a tip of the hat, it also feels redundant having created a new universe – and will no doubt be used as a stick to beat and chastise the filmmakers with across social media for those who have been against this film from the start.

But there is so much more that is appealing about the film that outweighs the minor frustrations; the cast are superb, parlaying their chemistry into something that makes you engage with them and all have their moments to shine.

The standout turns come from Kate McKinnon's Holtzmann (an unhinged and crazy genius) and Chris Hemsworth's Kevin, the team's muscly yet brain-dead receptionist. Hemsworth's touch for comedy is superb and here he threatens to nab the film away from his co-stars at every turn, however the team's dynamic makes for a hugely satisfying watch.

There are also clever little nods to the film's somewhat contentious gestation, with several references to the internet hate directed at Feig and the cast, notably when the videos of the team's 'bustin' exploits are met



by GARETH JAMIESON

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with derision online – "You shouldn't be reading this stuff, it's just a list of what crazy people write in the middle of the night online".

The villain of the piece, Neil Casey's Rowan, is a creepy set-up that lacks any further exploration, which is a shame but luckily the film pivots on the mayhem he creates rather than the character itself, the results of which are both clever and well-realised.

Director Paul Feig has shown that he has a far broader palette than merely comedy, as evidenced by last year's *Spy*, and here he

manages to balance the funny and the action incredibly well. The former no doubt requires tight marshalling given the cast's ability for improv, and while not every line is a zinger, it's still more than humorous enough, while the latter is tremendously well done, the ghost-packed climax stunningly realised, even if it does lack real stakes or bite.

It's hard not to be won over by the film's energy and likeability, retaining the original film's sense of fun and excitement – but, most importantly, *Ghostbusters* creates its own rules and sets up its own universe to make it stand on its own two feet. Looks like the internet was wrong again...

VERDICT – A satisfyingly enjoyable burst of blockbuster fun, *Ghostbusters* is a really entertaining watch. The cast are all strong, Paul Feig's direction impressive, and while nods to the original grate slightly, its ability to fend for itself makes it well worth your time. Recommended.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Ghostbusters* (1984), *Spy* (2015).

HEALTH SCREENING COMES TO COWBRIDGE

A charity is funding heart screening sessions for those aged 12 to 35 in Cowbridge, to help prevent deaths from undiagnosed heart conditions in the town.

Welsh Hearts/Calonau Cymru will provide electrocardiogram (ECG) sessions at Cowbridge town Hall on Saturday, August 6 from 9am to 4.30pm. Each screening lasts around 10 minutes and must be booked in advance.

Every year in the UK thousands of people die from undiagnosed heart problems, including over 600 young people in Wales. Founded in 2013, Welsh Hearts provide better access to lifesaving defibrillators, CPR training and heart screenings across Wales.

Sharon Owen, founder of Welsh Hearts, said: "These ECGs really do save lives. Following five screenings across Wales 14 people have been diagnosed with heart conditions including

cardiomyopathy, a hole in the heart and other heart-related conditions.

"The sessions are open to anyone aged between 12 – 35 years and we urge people to make the most of these sessions while we are in town."

She said that many people associate heart problems with older people, though this is not always the case. She claims that, in Wales, hundreds of young people die because of undiagnosed heart conditions each year.

Welsh rugby star Ian Gough recently became a patron for Welsh Hearts following his own heart scare last year. The former Ospreys player was diagnosed with atrial fibrillation – an irregular and abnormally fast heart rate – following screening in early 2016. The diagnosis allowed treatment so it can be managed in the future.

To book a heart screening with Welsh Hearts, visit www.welshhearts.org and visit the events page, or call 02920 647735.

History society

A TALK will be given to Rhose History Society by Dr Richard Wood on South Wales miners in the tunnelling companies on the Western Front.

This will take place on July 29 at 7.30pm in the rear hall of Rhose Community Centre, Stewart Road. Tickets on the door, £1 adult and 50p child (under 16).

To become a member of Rhose and District History Society, complete a form at a meeting giving contact details. Membership costs £5 per year and gives access to member-only events.

Harry Potter returns

THE eighth Harry Potter book, 'Harry Potter and the Cursed Child', a play, is due for publication at midnight on Sunday, July 31.

Griffin Books, Penarth will open at 11pm that night for refreshments and Potter-related fun, and the book will be available for purchase on the stroke of midnight.

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Beatrice Road, Y Barri (7) (AT54)

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Burlington Street, Y Barri (22) (AV53)

Ar ochr y de-orllewin o linell derfyn rhifau eiddo 21 a 22 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5.4 metr.

Ffordd Caerdydd, Y Barri (16) (AT55)

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Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain o linell derfyn rhifau eiddo 43 a 45 tua'r de-ddwyrain am 5 metr.

Pyke Street, Y Barri (20 and 28) (AU53)

Cael gwared ar yr Aros Cyfyngedig presennol Llun-Sad 8am-6.30pm 2 awr dim dychwelyd ymhen 2 awr ac eithrio Deiliad Trwydded i Breswylwyr a rhoi Mannau Parcio i Bobl Anabl yn ei le.

Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain o linell derfyn rhifau eiddo 19 a 20 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5.2 metr.

Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain o linell derfyn rhifau eiddo 27 a 28 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5.2 metr.

Robert Street, Y Barri (25) (AV53)

Ar ochr y de-orllewin o linell derfyn rhifau eiddo 24 a 25 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 4.6 metr.

Vale Street, Y Barri (48) (AX49)

Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain o linell derfyn rhifau eiddo 46 a 48 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5 metr.

King Street, Penarth (38) (AI65)

Ar ochr y de o linell derfyn rhifau eiddo 38 a 39 tua'r dwyrain am 5 metr.

Salop Street, Penarth (35) (AJ65)

Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain o linell derfyn rhifau eiddo 34 a 35 tua'r de-ddwyrain am 5.5 metr.

ATODLEN 2

Cynnig Tynnu Mannau Parcio i Bobl Anabl

Barry Road, Barry (Elmore) (AT52)

Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin o linell derfyn y ddau eiddo Ardwyn ac Elmore i gyfeiriad y gogledd-ddwyrain am 7.1 metr.

Broad Street, Y Barri (Ran Tool Hire) (AX50)

Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin o bwynt 23.5 metr i'r de-orllewin o'r gyffordd â Heol y Drindod tua'r de-orllewin am 10.5 metr.

Daniel Street, Y Barri (2) (AS53)

Ar ochr y gogledd o linell derfyn rhifau eiddo 2 a 4 tua'r dwyrain am 4.2 metr.

Kingsland Crescent, Y Barri (108) (AX50)

Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin o derfyn cyffredin rhifau 106 a 108 Kingsland Crescent, tua'r de-orllewin am 6.6 metr.

Princes Street, Y Barri (87) (AX50)

Ar ochr y de-ddwyrain o bwynt 10 metr i'r de-orllewin o'r gyffordd ag Island Road am 6.6 metr i'r de-orllewin.

St Nicholas Road, Y Barri (27) (AY49)

Ar ochr y dwyrain o'r llinell derfyn rhwng rhifau eiddo 27 a 29 tua'r gogledd am 6 metr.

Sir Ivor Place, Dinas Powys (53/55) (AM60)

Ar ochr y de o'r llinell derfyn rhwng rhifau eiddo 57/59 a 53/55 tua'r dwyrain am 6.5 metr.

Andrew Road, Penarth (28 and 98) (AH62)

Ar ochr y de-ddwyrain o'r llinell derfyn rhwng rhifau eiddo 26 a 28 tua'r de-orllewin am 6.6 metr.

Ar ochr y de o'r llinell derfyn rhwng rhifau eiddo 98 a 100 tua'r dwyrain am 7 metr.

Belle Vue Terrace, Penarth (4) (AJ65)

Ar ochr y gogledd o bwynt 24 metr i'r dwyrain o'r gyffordd ag Albert Road, tua'r dwyrain am 6.6 metr.

Salop Street, Penarth (41) (AJ65)

Ar ochr y de-orllewin o'r llinell derfyn rhwng rhifau eiddo 40 a 41 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 7.5 metr.

Dyddiedig 14 Gorffennaf 2016

M. E. Punter
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, The Alps,
Gwenfô CF5 6AA



THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 3) ORDER 2016

1. On the 13th July 2016 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is to install the disabled persons parking places at the locations specified in Schedule 1 and remove the disabled persons parking places at the locations specified in Schedule 2 below.
2. The Order will come into operation on 18th July 2016 or on the dates that the signs and road markings are in place and be known as the "Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Amendment) (No 3) Order 2016"
3. A copy of the Order and plans showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.
4. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 18th July 2016 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013 SCHEDULE 1

Insert Map of the Following Proposed Disabled Persons Parking Places

Beatrice Road, Barry (7) (AT54)

On its south west side from the boundary line of property numbers 5 and 7 in a north westerly direction for 5 metres.

Burlington Street, Barry (22) (AV53)

On its south west side from the boundary line of property numbers 21 and 22 in a north westerly direction for 5.4 metres.

Cardiff Road, Barry (16) (AT55)

On its north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 16 and 17 in a north westerly direction for 6 metres.

Castleland Street, Barry (45) (AV53)

Revoke existing Limited Waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6pm 2 hours no return within 2 hours except Resident Permit Holders and replace with Disabled Persons Parking Place.

On its north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 43 and 45 in a south easterly direction for 5 metres.

Pyke Street, Barry (20 and 28) (AU53)

Revoke existing Limited Waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6.30pm 2 hours no return within 2 hours except Resident Permit Holders and replace with Disabled Persons Parking Place.

On its north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 19 and 20 in a north westerly direction for 5.2 metres.

On its north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 27 and 28 in a north westerly direction for 5.2 metres.

Robert Street, Barry (25) (AV53)

On its south west side from the boundary line of property numbers 24 and 25 in a north westerly direction for 4.6 metres.

Vale Street, Barry (48) (AX49)

On its north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 46 and 48 in a north westerly direction for 5 metres.

King Street, Penarth (38) (AI65)

On its south side from the boundary line of property numbers 38 and 39 in a easterly direction for 5 metres.

Salop Street, Penarth (35) (AJ65)

On its north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 34 and 35 in a south easterly direction for 5.5 metres.

SCHEDULE 2

Proposed Removal of Disabled Persons Parking Places

Barry Road, Barry (Elmore) (AT52)

On its north west side from the boundary line between properties Ardwyn and Elmore in a north easterly direction for 7.1 metres.

Broad Street, Barry (Ran Tool Hire) (AX50)

On its north west side from a point 23.5 metres south west of the junction of Trinity Street in a south westerly direction for 10.5 metres.

Daniel Street, Barry (2) (AS53)

On its north side from the boundary line of property numbers 2 and 4 in a easterly direction for 4.2 metres.

Kingsland Crescent, Barry (108) (AX50)

On its north west side from the common boundary of numbers 106 and 108 Kingsland Crescent, south west for a distance of 6.6 metres.

Princes Street, Barry (87) (AX50)

On its south east side from a point 10 metres south west of its junction with Island Road for a distance of 6.6 metres south west.

St Nicholas Road, Barry (27) (AY49)

On its east side from the boundary line between property numbers 27 and 29 in a northerly direction for 6 metres.

Sir Ivor Place, Dinas Powys (53/55) (AM60)

On its south side from the boundary line between property numbers 57/59 and 53/55 in a easterly direction for 6.5 metres.

Andrew Road, Penarth (28 and 98) (AH62)

On its south east side from the boundary line between property numbers 26 and 28 in a south westerly direction for 6.6 metres.

On its south side from the boundary line between property numbers 98 and 100 in a easterly direction for 7 metres.

Belle Vue Terrace, Penarth (4) (AJ65)

On its north side from a point 24 metres east of its junction with Albert Road, east for a distance of 6.6 metres.

Salop Street, Penarth (41) (AJ65)

On its south west side from the boundary line between property numbers 40 and 41 in a north westerly direction for 7.5 metres.

Dated this 14th Day of July 2016.

M. E. Punter
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,
Wenvoe CF5 6AA



HISTORIC DAY AT MILLWOOD BOWLS CLUB AS IT HOSTS AN INTERNATIONAL EVENT

THE Millwood Bowls Club was proud to hosts the 'Deaf Bowls International Weekend' recently.

The Mayor of the Vale, Coun Stuart Egan, welcomed the competitors from Wales, England, Northern Ireland and Scotland.

He told the spectators and guests: "It was with the greatest pleasure that I accepted your invitation to be here today. I am delighted that this international tournament is taking place, and that Millwood

Bowls Club has the honour and privilege to be the first Welsh club to host the Deaf Bowls International Weekend."

And Wales were the victors on the day!

The mayor was also very surprised and thrilled to receive a beautiful glass trophy of his own – presented to him by Millwood Bowls Club in memory of such an auspicious occasion.

The Mayor added: "I want to thank the club very much. The trophy will have pride of place in the Mayor's Parlour."



Standing room only at MP's Brexit meeting

OVER 160 people turned up in Cowbridge to hear Vale MP Alun Cairns field questions on Britain's future relationship with the EU.

Up to 30 members of the public were turned away from the event, unable to fit into the great hall at the rear of the Duke of Wellington public house.

During the course of the meeting Mr Cairns took questions on immigration, trade and EU regional funding. It became heated on a number of occasions with some of those who had supported Remain arguing forcefully for a second referendum, despite an initial statement from the MP against the idea.

On the whole, the question and answer session was good natured.

Mr Cairns said: "I am very grateful to all those who came to the meeting and those who tried to get in. It is a testament to the healthy political engagement we see here in the Vale and is reflected in above average voter turnouts in this constituency.

"Local people asked some very

pertinent and well-informed questions about our country's relationship with the EU. I strove to answer them as well as possible as well as reassuring those present that the UK Government will move forward in a measured way, and that the country is well-placed to meet the challenges and opportunities of Brexit with calm decisiveness and positivity."

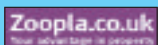
A member of Mr Cairns staff told THE GEM: "The turnout was far higher than we had predicted and, despite the large venue, the room was crowded and stuffy. I hope nobody who couldn't get in was too disappointed – it was a lovely evening to enjoy Cowbridge's beer gardens and the tennis was still on elsewhere in the pub."

Mr Cairns is holding a second public meeting entitled 'Brexit: What's next? A Q&A with Alun Cairns' in the Wyndham Club on Harbour Road in Barry at 6.30pm this Friday (July 15). Those who want to share their views on Britain's future relationship with the EU are encouraged to attend.

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NEW

LABURNUM CLOSE, BARRY

- GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
- KITCHEN OVERLOOKING FRONT
- LIVING ROOM
- TWO BEDROOMS
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- WELL PRESENTED
- ER-C

£89,950

NEW

BUTTRILLS ROAD, BARRY

- GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
- TWO BEDROOMS
- LIVING ROOM OVERLOOKING GREEN
- FITTED KITCHEN
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING & UPVC DIG
- SECURITY DOOR ENTRY SYSTEM
- WELL PRESENTED
- NO CHAIN
- ER-C

£94,950

NEW

BELVEDERE CRESCENT, BARRY

- MID TERRACE TRADITIONAL
- THREE BEDROOMS
- LIVING/DINING ROOM • FITTED KITCHEN
- DOWNSTAIRS CLOAKROOM
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- UPVC DIG & GCH VIA COMBI
- ENCLOSED GARDEN WITH HARDSTAND AND LAKE ACCESS
- TOWN CENTRE LOCATION • ER-D
- NO CHAIN

£119,950

NEW

CASTLELAND STREET, BARRY

- MID TERRACE TRADITIONAL
- CONVENIENT LOCATION
- THREE BEDROOMS
- THREE BEDROOMS
- FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING THROUGHOUT
- GCH VIA COMBI BOILER
- NO CHAIN • ER-D

£129,950

NEW

LAKIN DRIVE, BARRY

- MODERN SEMI DETACHED
- TWO BEDROOMS
- UPVC DIG & GCH VIA COMBI
- LIVING ROOM
- KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
- DRIVEWAY
- WELL PRESENTED
- ER-C

£137,500

NEW

LEWIS STREET, BARRY

- MID TERRACE TRADITIONAL
- WEST END LOCATION
- THROUGHOUT LIVING ROOM
- THREE BEDROOMS
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- NO CENTRAL HEATING
- NO CHAIN
- ER-C

£137,750

NEW

CARN YR EBOL, BARRY

- MODERN END LINK PROPERTY
- WC CLOAKROOM
- LIVING ROOM
- KITCHEN/BREAKFAST ROOM
- TWO BEDROOMS
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- PARKING TO REAR
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- ER-C

£138,000

NEW

TRINITY STREET, BARRY

- SPACIOUS END TERRACE TRADITIONAL
- FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- KITCHEN & UTILITY ROOM
- WC CLOAKROOM
- THREE BEDROOMS
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- UPVC DIG & GCH VIA COMBI
- ER-D

£139,950

NEW

NORWOOD CRESCENT, BARRY

- SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY
- OPEN PLAN LIVING/DINING KITCHEN
- MODERN FITTED KITCHEN
- TWO BEDROOMS
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- UPVC DIG & COMBI BOILER
- CLOSE TO LINK ROAD
- ENCLOSED GARDEN WITH SHED
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED • ER-C

£149,950

NEW

GLADSTONE ROAD, BARRY

- TRADITIONAL MID TERRACE
- THREE BEDROOMS
- THROUGH LIVING ROOM
- LIVING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- SC&P UPVC FLOOR
- ENCLOSED GARDEN
- NO CHAIN • ER-D

£160,000

NEW

PORT ROAD EAST, BARRY

- THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
- W.C. CLOAKROOM
- LIVING ROOM
- EXTENDED FITTED KITCHEN/SUN LOUNGE
- SPACIOUS FAMILY SHOWER ROOM
- DRIVEWAY PROVIDING PARKING
- TRAD. OAK BLOCK FLOORING
- NO CHAIN
- ER-D

£229,950

NEW

CENNIN PEDR, BARRY

- MODERN DETACHED
- FOUR BEDROOMS (MASTER ENSUITE)
- LIVING ROOM
- DINING ROOM
- WC CLOAKROOM
- SPACIOUS KITCHEN
- UTILITY ROOM
- GARAGE/DRIVEWAY
- ER-D

£256,950

NEW

USK WAY, BARRY

- SPACIOUS DETACHED PROPERTY
- WELL PRESENTED THROUGHOUT
- LIVING & DINING ROOM
- GROUND FLOOR CLOAKROOM
- KITCHEN/BREAKFAST ROOM
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- REPAIRMENT SHOWER ROOM
- REPAIRMENT SHOWER ROOM
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- ER-D

£258,950

NEW

GLAN HAFREN, BARRY

- FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT
- 2 DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- BATHROOM WITH JACUZZI
- SEPARATE CLOAKROOM/UTILITY
- FAR REACHING VIEWS
- VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
- GARAGE
- ER-B

£264,950

NEW

WHITE HOUSE, BARRY

- STUNNING DETACHED RESIDENCE
- W.C. CLOAKROOM
- TWO REC. ROOMS
- SUN LOUNGE
- FARM GARAGE
- FARM REACHING VIEWS OVER THE BRISTOL CHANNEL & OLD HARBOUR
- DOUBLE GARAGE/DRIVEWAY
- NO CHAIN
- ER-C

£550,000

NEW

BLACKBERRY DRIVE, BARRY

- MODERN SEMI DETACHED
- TWO BEDROOMS
- KITCHEN/DINER
- PRIVATE ENCLOSED GARDEN
- DRIVEWAY
- IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY
- ER-C

£137,500

NEW

LAKIN DRIVE, BARRY

- FABULOUS DETACHED PROPERTY
- LIVING ROOM
- KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
- TWO BEDROOMS
- MODERN FITTED KITCHEN
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- DRIVEWAY PROVIDING PARKING
- SPACIOUS BALCONY
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- LIFT • DESIGNATED PARKING
- NO CHAIN
- ER-C

£140,000

NEW

ST OVSTH COURT, BARRY

- MODERN DETACHED
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- FAR REACHING SEA VIEWS
- THREE BEDROOMS
- LIVING/DINING ROOM
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DIG & GCH VIA COMBI
- SPACIOUS BALCONY
- LIFT • DESIGNATED PARKING
- NO CHAIN
- ER-C

£165,000

NEW

CLAUDE ROAD WEST, BARRY

- BAY FRONTED SEMI DETACHED
- 3 BEDROOMS & ATTIC AREA WITH VELUX
- SITTING ROOM
- DINING ROOM/LIVING AREA (EXTENDED)
- OPEN PLAN KITCHEN
- WC CLOAKROOM
- W.C. CLOAKROOM
- REPAIRMENT SHOWER ROOM
- VERY WELL PRESENTED
- UPVC DIG & GCH VIA COMBI
- ER-C

£224,950

NEW PRICE

PORTHERRY ROAD, BARRY

- ELEVATED TRADITIONAL
- MID TERRACE
- WELL PRESENTED
- LIVING ROOM
- KITCHEN/DINER
- OPEN TO W.C. CLOAKROOM
- DESIGNATED PARKING
- RAISED GARDEN WITH LEVEL
- SITTING AREAS
- ER-D

£137,000

NEW PRICE

ST. BRANNOCKS CLOSE, BARRY

- END OF LINK
- WELL PRESENTED THROUGHOUT
- LIVING/DINING ROOM
- KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
- TWO BEDROOMS (PREVIOUSLY THREE)
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- PARKING
- CUL DE SAC POSITION
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- ER-C

£155,950

NEW PRICE

BARRY ROAD, BARRY

- TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
- W.C. CLOAKROOM
- PRIVATE ENCLOSED GARDEN
- DRIVEWAY
- IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY
- ER-C

£194,950

NEW PRICE

THISTLE CLOSE, BARRY

- FABULOUS DETACHED PROPERTY
- TWO BEDROOMS
- LIVING/DINING ROOM
- KITCHEN/BREAKFAST ROOM
- DOWNSTAIRS CLOAKROOM
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- LARGE GARDEN
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- ER-D

£229,950

NEW PRICE

LAURA STREET, BARRY

- MID TERRACE TRADITIONAL
- THREE BEDROOMS
- LIVING/DINING ROOM
- DOWNSTAIRS BATHROOM
- UPVC DIG & GCH VIA COMBI
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- NO FORWARD CHAIN
- ER-D

£109,950

NEW

HANNAH STREET, BARRY

- TRADITIONAL END OF TERRACE
- THROUGH LIVING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- SPACIOUS BATHROOM
- ENCLOSED GARDEN
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- ER-E

£105,000

NEW

PARK COURT, BARRY

- SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW
- THIRD FLOOR APARTMENT
- FAR REACHING VIEWS OVER BRISTOL CHANNEL
- OPEN PLAN LIVING KITCHEN
- TWO BEDROOMS
- DESIGNATED PARKING
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- ER-D

£110,000

NEW

BASSETT STREET, BARRY

- MID TERRACE TRADITIONAL
- TWO REC. ROOMS
- LIVING/DINING ROOM
- KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
- ATTIC ROOM
- ENTRANCE PORCH
- CONVENIENT LOCATION
- GCH VIA COMBI
- NO CHAIN
- ER-E

£119,000

NEW

CAREW CLOSE, BARRY

- MODERN END OF LINK
- THREE BEDROOMS
- KITCHEN/BREAKFAST ROOM
- DINING ROOM
- UPVC DIG & GCH VIA A COMBI
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- NO FORWARD CHAIN
- ER-D

£122,000

NEW

HARDY CLOSE, BARRY

- MODERN SEMI DETACHED
- THREE BEDROOMS
- LIVING/DINING ROOM
- KITCHEN/BREAKFAST ROOM
- DRIVEWAY
- ENCLOSED GARDEN
- NO CHAIN
- ER-D

£124,950

NEW

EVELYN STREET, BARRY

- MID TERRACE TRADITIONAL
- THROUGHOUT LIVING ROOM
- GROUND FLOOR WC
- THREE BEDROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING VIA COMBI
- UPVC DIG & GCH VIA COMBI
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- CONVENIENT LOCATION
- ER-D

£126,000

NEW

NORWOOD CRESENT, BARRY

- SEMI DETACHED
- 3 BEDROOMS
- LIVING/DINING ROOM
- KITCHEN
- DOWNER ROOM
- UPVC DIG & GCH VIA A COMBINATION BOILER
- AMPLE OFF ROAD PARKING
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- ER-E

£134,950

NEW

CAE GLAS, BARRY

- SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW
- THREE BEDROOMS
- LIVING ROOM
- IN NEED OF SOME MODERNISATION
- OFFERED WITH NO CHAIN
- CUL DE SAC POSITION
- ER-D

£137,000

NEW

AMHERST CRESCENT, BARRY

- SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW
- LIVING ROOM OPENING TO A RAISED DECKED AREA
- FAR REACHING SEA VIEWS
- KITCHEN, UTILITY AREA
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- PATIO GARDEN
- GARAGE
- GCH VIA COMBI
- NO CHAIN
- ER-C

£139,999

NEW

SOLENT ROAD, BARRY

- DETACHED PROPERTY
- 3 BEDROOMS
- LIVING/DINING/CONSERVATORY
- 1ST FLR FOUR BEDROOMS (BATHROOM)
- 2ND FLR FOURTH BEDROOM (ATTIC ROOM TO REGS)
- DRIVEWAY/PARKING/GARAGE
- CLOSE TO LINK ROAD
- ENCLOSED GARDEN
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED
- ER-D

£164,950

NEW

DOCK VIEW ROAD, BARRY

- VICTORIAN DETACHED
- THREE STOREY TRADITIONAL
- THREE BEDROOMS
- 4 BEDROOMS
- KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
- WELL PRESENTED
- LOW MAINTENANCE GARDEN
- FAR REACHING SEA VIEWS
- ER-E

£182,900

NEW

BUTTRILLS ROAD, BARRY

- SEMI DETACHED
- 3 DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- SPACIOUS THROUGHOUT
- GR FLR LIVING ROOM
- DINING ROOM OR BEDROOM
- INTEGRAL GARAGE
- 1ST FLOOR WITH ENSUIT
- 1ST FLR TWO FURTHER BEDROOMS TO ATTIC
- DRIVEWAY/PARKING
- ER-D

£214,950

NEW

VICTORIA PARK ROAD, BARRY

- TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED
- LIVING ROOM
- DINING ROOM WITH BALCONY OVERLOOKING REAR
- STEPS DESCENDING TO BASEMENT ROOM
- 1ST FLR. THREE BEDROOMS, FAM. BATHROOM
- LOWER GRND. THREE FURTHER ROOMS
- SIDE ACCESS LEADING TO FRONT
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- WELL PRESENTED THROUGHOUT
- ER-C

£215,000

NEW

TYNEWYDD ROAD, BARRY

- TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED
- LIVING ROOM
- DINING ROOM, SITTING ROOM
- LUXURY BATHROOM WITH ROLL TOP BATH
- SEA VIEWS ACROSS BRISTOL CHANNEL
- THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- VERY WELL PRESENTED
- ER-D

£229,950

NEW

PORT ROAD EAST, BARRY

- DETACHED BUNGALOW
- TWO REC. ROOMS
- THREE BEDROOMS
- ATTIC ROOM
- FABULOUS VIEWS OVER THE VALE
- DRIVEWAY
- NO CHAIN
- ER-C

£289,950

NEW

PETERSWELL ROAD, BARRY

- DETACHED PROPERTY
- MASTER ENSUITE
- GROUND FLOOR SHOWER ROOM
- DRIVEWAY/PARKING/GARAGE
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- ENCL. ROOM
- OFF ROAD PARKING & APPROVAL FOR GARAGE
- ER-D

£345,000

NEW

CLIVE ROAD, BARRY

- MID TERRACE TRADITIONAL
- REPAIRMENT SHOWER ROOM
- REPLACEMENT 2016 FITTED KITCHEN
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- DRIVEWAY
- REM. CROOK PIPES
- NO CHAIN
- ER-D

Offers invited £145,000

NEW

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ON Saturday Barry Athletic first XI took on local rivals Sully Centurions at The Athletic Ground, Barry Island, won the toss and batted first on a lovely Sunny afternoon.

Barry got off to a bad start when they lost White early on and were three wickets down in next to no time before Jones and Brock added 50, before Brock was out LBW.

Ellis soon went for nought and this brought Jake Griffith to the wicket to join Rhett Jones and they added a fine 105 with Griffith scoring 41 in 35 balls with five 4s and one 6.

Jones went on to complete a fine 128 in 132 balls with 19 fours,

one of the finest innings he has played for the club – with maturity and sense. Barry were eventually bowled out for 253.

In reply Sully were bowled out for 107 with Kumar top scoring with 21 for the visitors and Nathan Baker taking 4 for 26 and Jake Griffith 4 for 30 as Barry strolled home to an emphatic win and a league double over their old rivals.

Barry Athletic second XI travelled the short distance to Burnham Avenue, Sully, lost the toss and were asked to bat first.

They posted a total of 249 for 7 with Paul Murphy making a fine 71 to go with his two previous centuries at Sully in the two years before.

Nicky Jones hit his

first 50 for the club, with Lee Morgan with 33 and Ashley Baker with 32; Gethin Hicks took 4 for 52.

In reply Sully were bowled out for 186 with Russell Thomas (105) and Aaron Emyr (30) being the main scorers for Sully - for the Athletic Paul Murphy took 3 for 38, Aiden Rutherford 2 for 17,

Dave Evans 2 for 21 and Maqsood Anwar 2 for 31, resulting in a Barry win for the returning captain Ashley Baker.

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A raffle was held with many donated prizes culminating in a grand total raised of £763.50. Organiser Karl Butler, also a Lodge member. Karl wishes to thank Mal and Mary Lucas for all their dedicated hard work in arranging the food and the racing.

The group's shihan, Malcolm Jones, also gave a fitting thank you to all those attending and pledges the monies raised will be used to refit their dojo in Fairfield Street, Barry, where they teach traditional karate in the Goshin style and Japanese MMA in the Kudo style.

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Vale players in table tennis action

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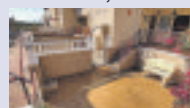


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Barry Athletic FC under-15 squad rounds off season with presentation and tournament



BARRY Athletic under-15s rounded off their season with a recent presentation evening, swiftly followed the next day by a tournament.

The guest of honour at the presentation was Charlotte Williams, the mayor of Barry, who kindly agreed to present the players with their awards. The management team thanked the parents for their support over the season and also thanked current sponsors, RIM Motors for their help. The players were also congratulated for their efforts over the last 11 months or so.

The main awards of the presentation went to: Sam Montgomery - coaches' recognition, Harri Edwards - top goalscorer, supporters' player of the year - Dan Barnett, most improved player of the year - Cian Williams-McCarthy, players' player of the year and

managers' player of the year - Rhys Woolmer.

The presentation closed with the mayor offering some very kind words to the coaches for their efforts in continuing to provide a sound environment for some of the youth of Barry in which to progress at football.

A great night was rounded off with the players and parents sharing the magical occasion of Wales beating Belgium at the European Championship.

The following day, the Athletic competed in the Bridgend Town FC tournament. The group stage saw the Athletic pitted against Lisvane Panthers, Crusaders FC and old friends Pencoed BC.

The Barry side won all three games with goals coming from Bright, Woolmer, Montgomery and a hat-trick from Mellars.

Local rivals Cowbridge Town were next up in the semi-final. The game was a very physical affair

with neither side managing to break the deadlock.

The game proceeded to a penalty shoot-out with keeper Mayor being the star, saving two and scoring the all-important winner. The final followed with the Barry side competing against Monmouth Town.

As most finals go, this was a tense affair but as soon as the Athletic got their rhythm going with their passing game they soon found themselves 1-0 up with a well-taken Mellars goal.

Monmouth managed to get themselves back into the game just before half-time with a fortunate run of the ball. The second-half saw the Athletic have the better of the exchanges but found an inspired keeper in goals for the opposition.

With the game edging towards another shoot-out, Corrigan launched a throw-in towards the Monmouth goal which was met by the head of Barnett who managed to flick the ball on and over the reach of the keeper.

Well done to all the players who took part, it was a real team effort.

Squad: Matthew Mayor, Sam Montgomery, Jack Such, James Corrigan, Alfie Davies, Luke Vowles, Joe Allwood, Connor Bright, Dan Barnett, Evan Wells, Rhys Woolmer and Joe Mellars.

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Cowbridge RFC prepare for new season

IT'S hard to believe that it was just over seven weeks ago that Cowbridge first XV completed their final fixture of the 2015-16 season at a wind and rain-swept Tonyrefail.

Now it is just eight weeks to the start of the 2016-17 season on Saturday, September 3. We still don't have the fixture list from the WRU, but do know that Llantwit Major and Wattstown come down from Division 3 East Central A, replacing promoted Taffs Well and Abercwmboi, and Old Penarthians and Cardiff Saracens come up from East Central C, replacing demoted Llandrindod Wells and Glyncoch.

In preparation for the new season, training

starts in earnest at the club at 7pm this Thursday, July 14. Coaches Leigh Davies and Dan Williams will be looking to improve on our fifth place finish – the best for several years.

There were some fine results last season with a small squad and the coaches will particularly looking to increase the size of the squad for the whole season so we can compete in every game.

There's a hardcore of players who gave their all last season, but we need many more so if you're available for the whole season or just part of it, then please come down and join the training.

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Schools flock to beach - for cricket!



PRIMARY schools from across the Vale flocked to Whitmore Bay earlier this month for the annual beach cricket festival.

The festival was organised by the Vale's Sports Development team in memory of Pete Hardwick, who developed many young cricketers in Cardiff and the Vale.

Barry Island's Whitmore Bay saw more than 90 pupils from nine different primary schools take part in the cricket festival. The pupils left their buckets and spades at home, preferring bats and balls as they prepared to face rival pupils at the sandy crease.

Primary schools from the Vale taking part in the festival included Romilly, Wick & Marcross, Llansannor, Iolo Morganwg, Llancarfan, Fairfield and Barry Island.

There were no winners or losers on the day; it was all about getting the pupils involved in the sport, and them enjoying their day at the beach.

As well as cricket, the pupils had the chance to try their hand at boccia, a game similar to boules. Boccia was originally created for people with cerebral palsy, but is now widely played by individuals of all abilities.

For more information on sports development across the Vale, visit www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/sportsdevelopment

Professional performances from Penarth ballerinas

YOUNG ballet dancers from the Penarth area have been selected to join the English Youth Ballet in a professional production in Cardiff next month.

The girls were selected after an extensive audition process and will perform in *The Sleeping Beauty* in the New Theatre.

The girls are: Elizabeth-Hope Angove (nine) from Sully Primary School (NPSD); Eleanor Smalley (nine) from Dinas Powys Primary (NPSD); Amora Strangemore-Jones (11) from Pen-y-Garth Primary (MSMSD)

NPSD – Nicola Peros School of Dance.

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Amora Strangemore-Jones said: "I started dancing when I was 2 years old. I did it in a little baby class because some of my friends went but they eventually all left and I just carried on."

The Sleeping Beauty will be presented by English Youth Ballet at the New Theatre, Cardiff from August 12-13.

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Left to right: Amora Strangemore-Jones, Eleanor Smalley, Elizabeth Hope-Angove.

"I am so excited about dancing on the big stage with English Youth Ballet. There are going to be loads of people in the audience. Some of my friends are coming to watch."

"When I am older I would like to do dance. I don't want to be a ballerina – I think I would like to do contemporary dance."

The Sleeping Beauty will be presented by English Youth Ballet at the New Theatre, Cardiff from August 12-13.

The ballet will star international principal dancers – Amy Drew, Adele Robbins, Monica Tapiador, Richard Read, Brenden Bratlic, Oliver Speers and Steven Wheeler.

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League Doubles - Steve Perry & Rob Alford; League Singles - Nikki Price; Mixed Doubles - David & Emma Walters; Most 180s - Dai Randle (7); Highest out-shot - Bob Usher (160); Highest ladies out-shot - Emma Walters (109).

Congratulations on a fantastic season everyone involved!

This coming Saturday is the Barry Open - registration closes at 12 noon, and the winner will be taking home a minimum £600 prize!

For more information, contact Nick Williams on 07788255591; there is also a separate ladies competition so turn up and have a go!

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Junior tennis at Barry club

THE junior tennis programme at Barry Athletic Tennis Club is being rescheduled with a new series of junior tennis coaching now starting from Sunday, July 24 for all young age groups.

Hour-long coaching sessions with professional coaches for different age groups are offered for 5-8 years between 10-11am, 8-12 noon and over 12 years between 12 noon-1pm.

Barry Athletic Tennis Club has a partnership with Tennis Squad Coaching Academy whose team of tennis coaches deliver award-winning services across south Wales, working with anyone with an interest or passion in tennis offering a fun, safe and educational tennis experience.

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Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for the last two weeks:

Monday, July 4 - 1st Simon Richards & Tony Disley 66.90%, 2nd Vida Halford & Glyn Williams 63.19%, 3rd Marjorie Morris & Linda Pinnock 62.73%.

Monday, July 11 - 1st Tony Disley & Phil Felman 63.07%, 2nd Steve Burgoyne & John Evans 62.22%, 3rd Sara Bartlett & John Moore 59.90%.

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Millwood beat Cowbridge in Munro Cup

ENTERTAINING the team from Cowbridge for this latest round of the Munro Cup, the home side took no time at all to start the proceedings by taking a nine shot lead after the first four ends by the score 17-8.

There was a mighty tussle going on into the fifth to the ninth ends, for the score was 34-32 for the home side.

Millwood soon settled the matters by picking up a welcoming 12 shot

margin at the end of the 13th end and led 50-38.

Millwood finally hung on to their overall winning shot total to run out fairly comfortable winners by taking the game 71-61 for Cowbridge.

After the latest results not going Millwood's way, it was a relief to win this latest game.

Once again a big win by Brian Crockford's rink four certainly did help matters! Thank you to Cowbridge for the hard fought game, and all who participated.

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Point-to-point's John passes away

POINT-to-point and horse racing enthusiasts in the Vale will be saddened to learn of the death of Llangeinor Hunt stalwart John Tudor, of Tyn-y-Bettws Farm, Bettws, who died peacefully at the Princess of Wales Hospital on June 29.

He was well-known on the hunt racing circuit and was the beloved husband of Betty and much loved father of William, Janet and Sian, father-in-law to Anne, Tudor and Chris, loving Grampa to all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and a dear brother to Mary and Billy.

He owned a number of winning racehorses and point-to-pointers over the years and these included Zatopek, Kesslin, Tiger Rag and St Helen's Boy.

John was aged 89 and his funeral and service took place at Coychurch Crematorium on Tuesday, July 12.

LOCAL TRAINERS

SUCCESS
CanICallYouBack, an eight-year-old bay gelding trained by Llancarfan's Evan Williams and ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney, landed the Bet Fred Two-Mile

Handicap Chase at Uttoxeter Wednesday.

In a field comprising some 12 runners, CanICallYouBack was made the 7-2 favourite and scored by two-and-a-half lengths from 25-1 chance Oscatara.

At the recent Chepstow fixture, Bernisdale trained by Bridgend's John Flint and partnered by Daniel Muscutt won the Fuseland Electrical And Mechanical Handicap over one mile and four furlongs by a short head from Ring Eye.

Bernisdale was returned at odds of 14-1 and his trainer has been in fine form of late.

At Stratford on the same day, Ebbw Vale's Dai Burchell was successful with Cruchain and One For The Boss. Both were ridden by R T Dunne who the former starting at 10-1 and the latter at 25-1.

James King, who has been riding in Welsh point-to-points this past season, scored on Sam Noir for Welsh trainer Peter Bowen.

Followers of Bargoed's David Probert had plenty to smile about at Brighton. He rode a fourtimer with Assertive Agent (6-1), Curious Fox (14-1), Fashion Parade (8-1) and Noverre To Go (15-2).

BRIAN LEE

Barrivale Bridge Club results



LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for July 5:

1st Mick Green & Noelle Bond 70.14%; 2nd Reg Dyer & Ken Hannah 58.73%; 3rd Celia & Huw Thomas 52.38%. Reg Dyer and Ken Hannah won on handicap.

Pictured above are 'open pairs' handicap winners Helen Jordan and Judith Owen from a previous competition.

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Romilly bowlers fail to regain their form

BARRY Romilly welcomed Caerphilly Town Bowls Club to Romilly Park on Saturday hoping to regain their form having suffered a 12-2 loss the previous week at Gelli Park.

The 'Rom' have lost a little of last season's sparkle and were looking to a strong Caerphilly side to ignite their fire. In previous weeks Romilly players have been a little slow in finding line and length but after the first five ends the home team had moved into an eight shot lead, 21-13.

The rinks of Jeff Coles, Paul Williams, Mike Doyle and skip Graham Cogbill and Jeff Wright's rink of Alan Bryan, Roger Jones and Clive Collins were both leading by six and seven shots respectively, and

were responsible for this advantage.

As the game continued, it was evident that the three Caerphilly Welsh players - Marc Wyatt, Ian Henderson and Martin Selway - were going to have major input to the final result.

By the 10th end though Romilly held a 10 shot advantage mainly due to Wright's rink firing on all cylinders, taking their lead to 17 shots. The rink of Kelyne Mills, Terry Bloomfield, Mel Newman and skip Brian Foscolo were playing well against Henderson's rink, with the away rink holding a slender one shot lead, while Cogbill's rink playing against the brilliant Selway were just holding a one-shot advantage.

Rhodri Phillips on his debut as skip for the 'Rom' supported by Phil Gershenson, Gwynne

Rees and Andrew Hatcher were up against an in-form Marc Wyatt's rink who were pulling off some brilliant bowls to hold a seven shot advantage at this stage, 4-11.

Between ends 11 and 15 Caerphilly began to pressurise the Romilly rinks with the exception of Wright's rink as the away side went from a deficit of 10 shots into a nine shot lead, but thanks to Wright's rink which held a 21 shot advantage, 25-4, helping to keep the deficit to just the nine shots, 48-57.

Over the last six ends it was going to be interesting to see how the

Romilly players reacted to chasing down their deficit. Two rinks fought hard to reduce their deficits, namely Foscolo and Phillips' rinks with Kelyne Mills bowling some outstanding lead bowls on Foscolo's rink, who

won five out of the six ends but unfortunately dropping two on the last end and losing by those two shots, 13-15.

Phillips' rinks won the last six ends 8-4 with Phillips in particular producing some excellent woods in his baptism against the outstanding Wyatt, losing 13-24.

The rink of Cogbill lost their fourth game in a row, unheard of until now, with their result disappointing, losing 13-34 after being 10-9 ahead at the 10th end.

Although the 'Rom' had been struggling, thanks to Wright's rink the game was still in the balance going into the final end, even with Wright making a two to win their game by 27 shots, 34-7.

Romilly lost overall 73-80, taking just two points for the second game running.

This Saturday's game is away to Ferndale who are returning to winning ways, therefore Romilly players need to improve on current form to have any chance of coming away with a victory.

The only side going well currently is the Munro Cup team who remain unbeaten, while the Romilly 'A' team suffered a 2-12 loss away to Thomastown on Saturday.

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Penarth Belle Vue Bowling Club news

ON Saturday, July 9, Penarth Belle Vue played Ystrad Mynach in the Cardiff League.

Belle Vue had the closest of victories at Ystrad Mynach, winning by quarter of a shot, 72 to 71¾ shots, 10 points to 4 points, two rinks winning and two rinks losing.

Rink one lost 19-19½ after the score adjustment. This was the first time they had a full rink, but the opposition were one short. Lead was Len Fowler, No 2 was Dave Smith, No 3 was Dave Miller and skip was captain Malcolm Thomas.

Rink two lost 25-10. Lead was Gerry Field, No 2 Paul Booth, No 3

Barrie Bagwell and the skip was Dave Purser.

Rink three won 17-14½ after the score adjustment; the opposition was one man short. Lead was Colin Scammell, No 2 Richard Brant, No 3 Alan Thomas and the skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink four had the biggest win 26-13. Lead was Rowland Fletcher, No 2 Gordon Ford, No 3 Frank Keen and skip was Paul Paterson.

We had a good, close game with plenty of banter. Thank you, Ystrad Mynach, for a lovely day, good food, good friends and most of all, good fun.

FRANK KEEN

Pre-season details announced for Barry Town United

BARRY Town United have announced their full pre-season campaign, with matches against opponents from the Welsh Premier League, Newport County, Cardiff City and England.

Manager Gavin Chesterfield and his players start their preparations this Saturday (July 16), with a run-out against top flight newcomers Cardiff Metropolitan University at Cyncoed Campus.

Jenner Park then hosts an attractive pre-season opener on Tuesday evening (July 19), as Barry entertain a Newport County XI for the first time since the 1990s.

Continuing the run of tough tests for Chesterfield's men, the Bluebirds are back in town on Saturday, July 23, as Barry welcome a Cardiff City XI for the fifth successive season.

Meanwhile, former manager Gary Barnett will bring his Moreton Rangers to Jenner Park on Saturday, July 30, 20 years after leading the Town to a memorable UEFA Cup run in 1996.

Barry complete their pre-season programme with trips to Ely Rangers on Tuesday, August 2, and Garden Village on Saturday, August 7, with the Welsh League Division One campaign beginning at Jenner Park seven days later, against newly-promoted Undy Athletic.

Jenner Park then hosts the first stage of the Welsh League Cup on Tuesday, August 16, as the Town entertain Briton Ferry, before the opening round of the World Cup sees the Welsh League Division One runners-up travel to Cambrian and Clydach Vale in September.

The full schedule for 2016-17 will be confirmed shortly, with advance tickets for the club's pre-season matches at Jenner Park now on sale from

www.ticketsource.co.uk/Barry. Supporters are advised that admission will be available at the turnstiles for each of these fixtures.

In terms of personnel, Chesterfield has retained the vast majority of players that helped the club to within four points of the Welsh League Division One championship last season, including the likes of fan favourites James Saddler, James

Dixon, Troy Greening, Lee Baldock, Michael Hartley and Bobby Briers.

With Louis Feeley moving to Cinderford Town, Barry have meanwhile acted to strengthen by recruiting Welsh League title-winning defender Luke Cooper, with Cooper expected to make his Town debut against the current champions in this weekend's first friendly.

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Penlyne Bridge Club results

THURSDAY, June 2 (17 pairs):

1st Mike & Helen Ruttle 68.57%, 2nd John Lord & Jo Isley 62.34%, 3rd Allan Evans & Keith Price 61.43%. Thursday, June 9 (15 pairs): 1st Colin & Judith Nunn 63.75%, 2nd David & Marian Stephenson 63.33%, 3rd Wayne Stevens & Mary Wallis 57.08%. Thursday, June 16 (20 pairs): 1st David &

Marian Stephenson 67.93%, 2nd Colin & Judith Nunn 65.15%, 3rd John Hunter & Cath Domican 55.30%.

Thursday, June 30, Robert Brown Cup (16 pairs): 1st Brian Tucker & Mike Baron 65.06%, 2nd Gill Harding & Rita Williams 59.38%, 3rd Marian East & Barbara Easterbrook 58.24%.

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Millwood Bowls Club round-up

MILLWOOD endured a third trip in as many weeks away from home going up to visit Treharris for this Division 4 game, hoping to get back on to the winning track after the last two away defeats.

As can be seen from the 74 (reduced from 86)-55 result, although the home side were short of a player on two of the four rinks, thereby forfeiting some score shots, their winning margin was too much for Millwood to make up in the long run.

After the fifth end had been played there was already an ominous sign that things were not going well for Millwood, for the home side had taken a 14-28 shot lead, which after the 10th end Treharris had increased their lead by another one shot to lead 23-38.

As much as Millwood tried to pull back some of the deficit up to the 15th end, Treharris pulled further away to take a commanding 33-62 advantage, though Millwood did reduce the deficit slightly over the final five ends, but still finished up losing.

Millwood's rink three skipped by Gary Williams were the only winners in this hard-fought game, so a big thanks for that for the two points gained.

This loss did not improve Millwood's league position any good. There might be some consolation for Millwood towards the end of the season in the comfort the three Valley teams have to come to

Millwood for their away games!

Thanks to Treharris for the game and the after-match hospitality. Welcoming the players from Rumney A side to the club, Millwood were hoping to take full advantage of the home game to get back on the winning trail again.

When the first five ends had been completed, both sides were deadlocked at 20-20.

Unfortunately, at the halfway stage of the game, Rumney had taken a 33-47 advantage over Millwood, so the pressure was now firmly on Millwood to respond to the task in hand.

Even though they tried as hard as they could, no impression was made to the score reduction, for at the 15th end, Rumney had further increased their lead and now lead to 43-62.

The final ends, saw no change in the nature of the game and Rumney ran out winners by a very big 42 shot margin to end up 50-95 winners.

Certainly not what Millwood were hoping for, but both sides played the game in the usual sporting manner as befits every game of bowls.

Both teams enjoyed the hospitality in the clubhouse after the game, and look forward to the next fixture to try to improve the league positions.

Barry RFC lottery draw

LAST week's numbers were 03, 08, 10 and 20 and produced no winners.

This week's jackpot will be £2,250.

AJ

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Mother and son's golfing success



IT'S been said that success lies in the genes and that has certainly been the case for a young golfer who recently beat over 100 adult members at Radyr Golf Club to lift the much coveted captain's prize recently.

Ceri Vaughn Jones (13) was faced with stiff competition when he teed off with his father, Vaughn, to challenge for a trophy which in recent years has been won by experienced adult members.

Due to an exceptional back nine from Ceri, who is a member of the Glamorgan County under-14s team, the father and son pairing just managed to land the victory with 43 points due to a better back nine.

If that was not enough

reason to celebrate, not to be outdone, Ceri's mother, Sian Ellen Jones, was a member of the Radyr team who reached the final of the Welsh Ladies Team Championships (Plate) at Wenvoe Castle. Both Ceri and his mother are pupils of St Andrew's Major professional John Hastings, who has high hopes for his 13-year-old pupil.

"Ceri had a handicap of 26 when he started a structured training programme with me last year," said John. "He has come down to 14 and by the end of the year it will be lower. He can't afford to be complacent now though as his sister Enfyf (10) has just acquired a 54 handicap and could well end up being the star of this talented golfing family!"

JH

Brian's Blast From The Past – 1983

This week, *The GEM's* Brian Lee takes a trip back in time to 1983.

UNDER the heading 'Cheers Bring Shame' this is what I had to say about the Ystrad Hunt point-to-point, which was held in the Vale of Glamorgan.

"In all the years I have been following point-to-point racing I have never known anyone to delight in the fall of a horse."

"Last Tuesday, at the Ystrad Hunt Point-to-Point during the Ladies' Open race, it happened."

"Some sections of the crowd cheered when Derrick Llewellyn's *National Clover*, which was leading Norman Jones' *Drumman* by about 15 lengths, fell at the third last fence. One can only assume that

these 'hunt racing enthusiasts' had backed *Dumman* and were cheering through their pockets.

"All right, so the fences are there to be jumped and one would not wish to take any credit away from *Drumman* who, incidentally, had run in the Ladies' point-to-point Championship at Chepstow the previous day."

"But *National Clover's* owner, Mr Llewellyn, who has helped to put Welsh point-to-pointing on the map as a rider, owner and trainer must have been hurt by the crowd's behaviour – not to mention the feelings of the young rider Mandy Lingard."

"*National Clover*, Llandeilo Farmers'

with seven wins behind her this season, needed that win to put her in the running for the Grand Mariner Championship as two horses share the lead with eight wins. Thankfully, *National Clover* appeared all right after her fall.

"Not so lucky was *Gerrards Cross*, which had to be put down after falling in the earlier Adjacent Hunts race."

Nothing to cheer about there, that's for sure.

Under the heading 'Llewellyn Double', I reported that: "Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn is well on his way to winning the national men's point-to-point riders' championship. A double with Friday's *Meadow* and Garrigill at the Llandeilo Farmers'

meeting has put him two wins ahead of Peter Greenall and Joey Newton.

"Friday's *Meadow*, the long odds-on favourite, won by 20 lengths from *Corragio* and Garrigill, a 10-1 chance, scored by four lengths from *Loch Raven*. The favourite, *Flap*, finished a further three lengths away in third place."

"Llewellyn, who has ridden 16 winners this season, was beaten two lengths by Newton's mount *Ryedale* in the PTPOA race when partnering John Jones' *Brock*. Newton made the long trip from Leicestershire pay off by also riding the winner of the men's open race with *Barleydale*, which beat Tim Rooney's mount *Quizmaster* by six lengths."

"The ladies' open race went to Derrick Llewellyn's *National Clover* which was ridden by Mandy Lingard and St Athan's John Thomas, riding *Montana Boy*, won the maiden race by four lengths from *Final Flirtation*. There were 14 runners and *Montana Boy* was a 5-1 chance."

*You can e-mail your horse racing pictures and stories to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or call 02920736438.



From the left: Trish Matthews, Sarah Parsons, Nicola Spear, Charlotte Hopkins and Sara Shiel.

Rowing ladies are doing it for themselves!

BARRY Sea Rowing Ladies were not going to let a little thing such as a lack of a boat stop them from entering a sea race at Wiseman's Bridge near Saundersfoot.

After some pleas for help to the Sea Rowing community we were kindly offered the loan of a boat from our generous hosts Wiseman's Bridge Rowing Club.

The ladies headed down west on what turned out to be a glorious sunny day with bright blue sparkling sea to race on, proving that the sun does always shine on race days.

The ladies' race was the first of the day and we faced a particularly tricky beach start. Unfortunately due to

close proximity of other boats at the start line we were involved in collision when another team had taken a course into the side of us!

After a chaotic few minutes we managed to de-tangle our oars and our boat was off. The shaky start definitely cost dearly in terms of time but the ladies showed so much grit and determination that we clawed our way back into the race and we managed to hold off two other teams all the way through the course.

Everybody was well and truly spent when we crossed the finishing line in 14th place but the ladies had the race of their lives keeping well within the pack after the disappointing start.

NS

Darcey impresses on tour

VALE Resort golfer Darcey Harry typified the top scoring at the second Welsh Junior Tour event, held at Carmarthen Golf Club, as she led the way in the under-14 girls' age group.

She had an impressive score of 77 playing off 17 handicap which amassed 48 stableford points. Following closely behind were Megan Vineall from Newport and Kasumi Tran from Tenby with 44 and 41 points respectively.

Brodi Lewis from Pyle & Kenfig won the under-10s section, having been placed third at Mold, with 61 points just edging out Abergele's Charlie McKinney. The next event will be held at Lakeside Golf Club in Mid Wales followed by the final regional event at Virginia Park Golf Club in Caerphilly.

The top 20 players in the Order of Merit in each age category will then be invited to play in the Tour Final to be held at St Pierre near Chepstow.

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Cowbridge CC denied outright win

A magnificent 123 by Michael Lloyd and a rock-like 52 by Tom Merilaht set up a Cowbridge total of 216 which proved easily enough to play Dafen out of any chance of victory as the home side reached 116-9 when the umpires took the teams off.

That decision from the umpires may well have cost Cowbridge outright victory as there were still three overs to play. It certainly cost the first XI five points on the winning draw differential.

Nevertheless, a 14 point haul was a useful reward, but the prevailing mood was one of utter frustration as Cowbridge's feeling the conditions had not

worsened, but had remained pretty well the same throughout the Dafen innings.

Cowbridge have played some good cricket in the past month with only one reverse to the champions- elect - a top half position remains possible.

The match on Saturday exemplified the way the team has begun to gel together. Merilaht continues to be the anchor allowing the likes of Mike Lloyd to play an aggressive game.

The attack of Tom Harper and Adam Wood backed up by Sam Russell and Rian Thomas plus quality off spinner Jake George has become a solid outfit. The arrival of Matt Harper as wicket keeper has also been a bonus.

The frustrations of Saturday for these

players will soon be forgotten but the innings of Michael Lloyd will live long in the memory. JB

SECOND XI WIN IN CLOSE ENCOUNTER
Following a convincing 10-wicket win the previous week against Porthcawl due to excellent batting performances from Dave Gascoyne (60*) and Jonty Webb (54*) Cowbridge second XI were hoping for another victory as they hosted Baglan at the Athletic Ground last Saturday.

A win was achieved although it was not as straightforward and all the team spirit was required to get the team over the line.

Batting first, Cowbridge scored 200 for three wickets in their allocated 40 overs. Again Gascoyne and Webb opened the innings and put on 100 before Jonty was dismissed for a well-made 46.

Gascoyne continued his excellent form making a flawless 108* and was ably supported by Matthew Keating who made an elegant 24 runs.

Their partnership, followed by contributions from Rob Thomas and Joe Russell enabled Cowbridge to reach their competitive total.

In reply, Baglan got off to a solid but quiet start as John Gilbert and young Heath Webb bowled accurately with the new ball restricting the opposition to just 45 runs from the first 15 overs.

However, the momentum soon shifted in Baglan's favour as some indifferent bowling and fielding followed and after 30 overs with only one wicket down, the opposition had progressed to 150.

The game was in the balance but the dismissal of Baglan's opening batsmen for 104 courtesy of an excellent catch by Guy Parker, followed by two excellent run-outs by Keating and Russell left Baglan needing just 25 runs from the final four overs.

This proved to be five runs too many and Baglan finished on 195 for 6 giving Cowbridge their seventh victory of the season and now sees them sitting in third place, just four points behind the league leaders Llanelli. JS

HOME DEFEAT IN THE MUNRO CUP FOR CADOXTON BOWLERS

THE Munro Cup match at Victoria Park, between Cadoxton and Sully Sports, resulted with both sides winning two rinks each, but the aggregate going in favour of the visitors.

Howard Craven's rink scored a '4' on the opening end against Keith Roman's rink, but a '4' against on the sixth end took away the lead. However the advantage was recovered on the 12th and held until the end.

Don Kuhnell also scored a '4' on the first end against Charles Coomber, and the ascendancy was held throughout the game. After 11 ends the score had reached 18-5, but the visitors rallied in the closing stages and were successful in five of the last seven, very tight, ends, with one end tied, but not enough for victory.

John Jones skipped against Bob Matthews and struggled to stay in the game, scoring just a single during the opening six ends. A mini revival brought six shots in three ends, but a further four ends were lost, before a spirited reply improved the position with eight shots in the final ends.

On the final rink skip Kelvin Chedzoy met previous Cadoxton player Graham Brown who had an advantage of knowing the green better than the home players. This showed throughout the game and a comprehensive result

went in the visitors favour.

Scores: Craven, D Hammond, I Robertson, G Carstairs, D Goddard, H Craven 18-14 R Knight, P Holland, B Whyman, K Romans; J Stacey, G Solomon, D Evans, D Kuhnell 19-13 B Daniels, M Morgan, G Craven, I Heppenstall Trickett, C Coomber; E Heppenstall, J Papoutsou, D Fanning, J Jones 15-23 D Austin, M Stafford, A Collard, B Matthews; R Morris, I Heppenstall, R Byrne, K Chedzoy 9-21 J Kirk, P Robbins, G Currie, G Brown. Final score: 61-71.

CADOXTON A V CENTRAL - ML7
Cadoxton A side came out on top in this home ML7 match with Central.

Rob Byrne skipped a winning rink against Tom Goddard. The home side took an early 6-0 advantage, only to drop behind 8-9 on the 13th end. However six of the last eight ends went in favour of the home side.

Ian Heppenstall had a comfortable win on his rink with S Downer as the opposite number.

With the score at 11-9, a '5' boosted the home score which opened a substantial lead and improved even more in the final ends.

Roy Harding scored a '6' on the 13th end, to boost his close advantage against John Wathes, and held the advantage to the end.

Central had a player short in the final rink which was skipped by Don Goddard against David Fanning, but they managed to win their game after losing a quarter of their score.

Scores: Heppenstall, J Papoutsou, J Jones, D Fanning 14-16 M Heale, G Carstairs, D Goddard, H Craven 18-14 R Knight, P Holland, B Whyman, K Romans; J Stacey, G Solomon, D Evans, D Kuhnell 19-13 B Daniels, M Morgan, G Craven, I Heppenstall Trickett, C Coomber; E Heppenstall, J Papoutsou, D Fanning, J Jones 15-23 D Austin, M Stafford, A Collard, B Matthews; R Morris, I Heppenstall, R Byrne, K Chedzoy 9-21 J Kirk, P Robbins, G Currie, G Brown. Final score: 61-71.

CADOXTON V CYFARTHFA CASTLE - ML5
Cadoxton continued with their good form in this ML5 match at home to the league leaders, Cyfarthfa Castle.

Howard Craven's rink again completed a good win. They reached 13-2, which included a '6' and a '4', but wavered on this score for four ends, while the advantage was reduced. However the good team work returned and they regained supremacy despite a '4' against, near the end.

The visitors struggled against the rink skipped by John Jones, which allowed home domination for seven ends and reaching a score of 10-2. The remaining ends were shared with eight shots scored by both sides, mainly singles.

At the halfway stage, Roy Harding's rink was trailing by 10 shots to 5. Nevertheless they completed another rink win with a strong finish to sneak home by two shots.

Kelvin Chedzoy skipped a weakened rink

in place of the normal one, with three regulars not available. However they had a good start.

They were level at 5 each after 6 ends when they boosted their chances with a '5', followed by two singles. Unfortunately the visitors started to get used to the green and scored steadily to end up comfortable winners.

Scores: W Craven, D Hammond, I Robertson, H Craven 24-17; S Conway, S Clarke, R Byrne, K Chedzoy 15-23; E Heppenstall, J Papoutsou, D Jeffries, J Jones 18-10; P Swannick, I Heppenstall, D Brook, R Harding 20-18. Final score: 77-68.

CADOXTON V RHOOSE - ML5
Cadoxton had the difficult task from changing from playing on their heavy green to the fast all-weather green at Rhoose. The vast change did not have a favourable outcome with all four rinks losing.

Don Kuhnell's rink performed reasonably well but with Tony Lages, the opposing skip making a shot continuously for 13 ends, with good bowls, or at times lucky, the visitors trailed 20-3.

At this stage after a winning end the visitors changed the tactics and the mat was brought well up the green, which changed the game dramatically, but too late to overcome the big deficit for the remaining seven winning ends.

John Jones rink did make a better start, with Ron Ball his opposing skip and trailed by just two shots, 7-9 with 11 ends played. However a '5' against on the next

opened a gap which increased in the final stages.

Howard Craven's rink met the rink skipped by Les Parson and failed to score during the first five ends, when an 11 shot lead was built against them. The remainder of the game was much closer, when the pace was mastered, with 12 shots scored with 14 against.

Roy Harding had a much better opening, and when a 9-1 advantage was completed it looked to be the only rink to master the conditions. However a lapse, when two 4's and a '5' were conceded took away the ascendancy.

They were still in with a chance trailing by just two shots but a disastrous final five ends produced 17 shots against including two '6's'.

Scores: W Craven, D Hammond, I Robertson, H Craven 12-25 L Willmot, D Shackell, M White, L Parsons; P Swannick, I Heppenstall, D Brook, R Harding 18-36 M Banks, J Wood, C Ashdown, G Lages; J Stacey, D Evans, K Chedzoy, D Kuhnell 12-21 P Watts, C Dance, H Jupp, T Lages; E Heppenstall, J Papoutsou, R Byrne, J Jones 11-34 R Behren, R Boardman, T Martin, R Ball. Final score: 53-106.

Two recent Munro Cup matches were postponed, at Cowbridge due to heavy rain, and at home to Penarth because of the clash with Wales' European Championship semi-final against Portugal. DK

Lady bowlers take pleasure from defeat

ON Tuesday Llantwit Major lady bowlers visited Cowbridge again - this time for a Cowbridge Shield game.

Although losing on two rinks by a total of three points and drawing on the third, Llantwit ladies were pleased with their games; next year we are hoping for a couple of winning rinks.

Scores: Liz Crouch, Marilyn Gomma, Julie Molloy, Dilys Hurley 16-18; Edna Hardie, Mo Andrews, Carol Willmot, Helen Nixon 14-14; Kay Jones, Margaret Horgan, Eryl Nicholls, Margaret Morgan, 15-16 - Helen really got into her stride playing skip.

On Thursday, Murch

Dinas Powis came to Llantwit for their return match in the league.

Kay Jones, Pat Brown, Margaret Morgan and Etta Gray, although getting a four on the second end, faced a Murch rink who settled and progressed steadily, gaining a good lead by the 12th and won 13-22.

Edna Hardie, Naomi Baelz, Helen Nixon and Carol Willmot, six up after two ends, were unable to stop Murch taking a steady lead and lost 13-21.

A different story on the rink of Liz Crouch, Marilyn Gomma, Dilys Hurley and Julie Molloy - they went into the lead from the start, increasing it steadily throughout the game and winning 22-14. Well done.

CW

Tournament starts at Barry chess club

THE South Wales International Chess Open tournament commenced last Thursday.

This is a 10-round Swiss style tournament spread over a week. There were 58 entrants from Wales, England, Ireland, Denmark, Bulgaria and Iceland amongst others.

The strength of the tournament can be indicated by the presence of five GMs, three IMs, four FMs and two WFM.

Barry Chess Club was represented by Nigel Ralphs (ranked 25th), nominal player Lee Davis (ranked 30th), Matt Parry (ranked 32nd) and Stephen Bonnutto (ranked 53rd).

At the time of writing, only two rounds had been completed. In the first round Matt and Lee both lost to GMS, Nigel recorded a victory, but the standout result came from Stephen in

earning a draw against Juan Rodriguez. Stephen has a rating of approximately 1400 while Juan has a rating of 2020; I will be surprised if anyone can better Stephen's ranking result.

Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

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Portugal break our hearts... but the future is brighter than ever for Welsh football



The Welsh heroes take their final applause in France prior to their homecoming last Friday. ALL PICTURES BY HUW EVANS AGENCY

THE mood in the aftermath of Wales' Euro 2016 semi-final defeat to eventual winners Portugal was best summed up by a fan leaving the

Stade de Lyon that evening - "I couldn't be happier if we'd won the game."

It's a statement that goes against the grain a little bit; after all football fans and players are programmed

to view defeats in this manner with anger, frustration and sadness - yet the only tears on display would certainly have been ones of joy and pride rather than disappointment and

recrimination. It nails the reason why Wales have been such a breath of fresh air in this tournament, and off the pitch; the early 'happy-to-be-there' mentality disguised a steely resolve in the playing squad and management that we weren't purely there to make up the numbers, that we weren't a team benefitting from UEFA's largesse in increasing the size of the competition.

Prior to the tournament Wales were accused of being 'Bale + 10', a 'one-man team', and while the Real Madrid star makes a huge difference to the team, it was inspiring to see players step up to the plate and deliver when they needed to.

The likes of Hal Robson Kanu, Joe Allen and Aaron Ramsey all came of age in this tournament and took control when teams denied Bale the space needed to work his magic. As the tournament wore on there was the palpable sense that maybe, just maybe, we could be in the running to lift the trophy, and after that 3-1 win over Belgium that belief dribbled its way down to the supporters. Of course, Portugal put the spanner in the works, but neither the players nor the manager himself allowed themselves to be downhearted; disappointed perhaps, that Portugal's nous and game management ultimately proved to be

the decisive factor, but that comes with experience and this Welsh team, already having built a remarkably powerful chemistry and team ethic, now have that under their belt.

As Chris Coleman remarked after the game: "As much as I've told them that they should be proud of themselves, the nation is proud of them, they're still devastated. That speaks volumes for them and they'll get stronger from this experience. I always thought that whenever the time was to bow out it would hurt, but I didn't expect it to hurt this much. It was just one game too far for us."

Gareth Bale, who worked hard to try and get the team back into the game, said: "We fought until the last second and we are sorry we couldn't get to the final, but we gave it everything. It's been an amazing journey. We look forward to the future."

Bale's excitement at what the future holds should be shared by everyone; after all, this success can be a springboard to even more success and, hopefully, qualification for the 2018 World Cup in Russia.

The road to Russia begins on September 4 at home to Moldova, and with a group that sees Wales also pitted against the Republic of Ireland, Austria, Serbia and Georgia, hopes are high that having banished the hoodoo of qualifying for a major tournament with such



The disappointment at full-time was plain to see, as Chris Coleman and Ashley Williams console each other.

force, their first qualification for a World Cup in 60 years is more than achievable; there is the caveat that this will likely be Chris Coleman's last qualifying campaign as manager, but hopefully he'll be signing off in Russia rather than before a Wales-less tournament begins.

What is interesting is where those qualifying games will be played. With interest in the national team at an all-time high, there is a suggestion that games will be moved to the Principality Stadium; while it may be tempting to the FAW to monetise this goodwill, it would be, in my opinion, a foolhardy step.

The Cardiff City Stadium has become a fortress for this team, and a full house of 33,000 would be far more intimidating for away sides than 50,000 (at best) in the Principality Stadium.

Add into that the players themselves expressing their preference for the CCS, and it seems a no-brainer to keep the games in the smaller (but far more suitable) stadium.

Success also creates money, and having made a profit of just £20,000 last year, now the FAW return home from France with £14.5 million in their back pocket. What is pivotal now is for this money to be reinvested not just in the national team, but



The agony - and the ecstasy.

all age groups of the national set-up and in coaching and grassroots football.

In 2014, Wales had 277 A-licence coaches and 66 Pro-licence coaches; with the money earned from these Euro exploits, the ability to roll out even more schemes to engage those wanting to coach can only be a good thing, while creating the right environment for youngsters to learn the fundamentals of the game should also be high on the list of priorities.

The achievements of the team in France are a foundation on which so much can be built, both on and off the field, and the future of Welsh football is brighter than it's ever been.

Often our national

football team in this country feels marginalised by the achievements of those who play with the oval ball, their Grand Slams and Six Nations titles overshadowing a team who have all too often battled bravely but come up short.

The achievements of this group of players will go a long way to even up that disparity - only the coldest of hearts would fail to be moved and engaged by what this squad has accomplished in France, and most excitingly of all, the potential of what it can achieve in the future.

We've been Together, Stronger throughout this entire campaign - let's hope we stay that way and look towards a brighter future for



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